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# Paramilitaries tell 'King Rat': Leave Ulster or die

DAVID McKITTRICK ireland correspondent

Ominous stirrings in the loyalist paramilitary underworld came to a head yesterday when all the major organisations combined to order a leading loyal-ist out of Northern Ireland.

Billy Wright, a Portadown man who has become the leading public symbol of loyalist militancy, was told that he had 72 hours, from midnight last

A statement from the "Combined Loyalist Military Comwhich represents the Ulster Volunteer Force, Ulster Defence Association and Red Hand Commandos, warned that failure to comply with this "directive" would result in "summary justice". This clearly amounts to a death threat. A similar threat was issued

UDA. The statement warned that Mr Kerr, presently in custody awaiting trial on a terrorist charge, should be kept in isolation and on his release should leave the country.

Mr Wright has been a leading loyalist figure for many years, serving a prison sentence for UVF-linked activities. He is believed to have been quesagainst Alec Kerr, a south tioned by police on a number of occasions about UVF murders

recent years, associated with the and other violence in the Portadown area. Last month, the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, was criticised for privately meeting him during the Drumcree parade stand-off.

Mr Wright and Mr Kerr are said to have formed an alliance objecting to the comparatively moderate line taken in recent years by the leaderships of the UVF and UDA. The killing of a Catholic man near Portadown during the Drumcree stand-

off is said by RUC sources to have been the work of the local UVF unit. Police believe it was carried out against the wishes of the main organisation. Several weeks ago the UVF

announced that it was expelling its mid-Ulster unit, with which Mr Wright had been associated. That made him a marked man and a senior security source remarked: "It's really just a marter of who gets to him first -the UVF, the IRA or us. He's doesn't really have widespread

Police last week made arrests during what appears to have been an attempt to stage a loy-alist display of arms. The UVF seems to have interpreted this as an act of defiance against its authority, leading to the move against Mr Wright and Mr Kerr. Before the IRA ceasefire of August 1994, Mr Wright survived a number of IRA at-

newspaper interview: "I am married, I have kids, but morally I have to lay down my life. If I was shot dead in the morning. I would laugh in my grave." Leaders of the four main churches in Northern Ireland yesterday condemned reports that Catholics in a number of areas are boycotting Protestant businesses in the wake of the Orange Order marching



# Blair is a dictator, Labour

JOHN RENTOUL ♣Political Correspondent

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Tony Blair's modernisation of the Labour Party comes under withering attack today from a Blair with "demon eyes" again leading backbench MP, who describes himself as a "squashed hedgehog on the party has struck a "Faustian

As the Labour leader today sets out to sell his message to the country, Austin Mitchell, the Euro-sceptic MP for Grimsby, said Mr Blair was paying "lip service" to the idea that ordinary party members have any power. He savs Labour has no answer to "how our policy processes dif-

fer from Kim Il Sung's". This latest broadside against Mr Blair's leadership follows similar criticism by John Prescott, the deputy leader, in an interview with The Independeni, and from frontbench

spokeswoman Clare Short.

Mr Blair, with Mr Prescott in tow, today begins a nationwide tour to sell the New Labour draft manifesto "street by street in order to bypass the London media and its obsession stminster gossip".

-- But Mr Mitchell, writing in lomarious New Statesman, lomarious New Statesman, lowes file four a sour send-off, long: "We pretend our work important Tony pretends to sten. Then he gets on with his state of the state Taljob of putting forward what to wants in our name."

Writing of his experience of ling the manifesto, New Life for Britain, to party members, bit Mitchell says. The new doc-timent isn't intended for you as party members. Your role is to endorse it, preferably with acchamation. This isn't the Labour Pany as we know it. Our leadas are playing a different game from us. It's a power game in which different rules apply."
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dards Authority broke new ground yesterday by banning a political advertisement - ruling that the Tories should not use the controversial image of Tony - Mr Mitchell echoes the Tories' demonic imagery. He says the oact" with Mr Blair. "Tony'll win for us. In return we've put our souls, our party and our dreams in his hands. They're not Labour hands, His instincts aren't ours," he writes.

But he goes on: "Yet he is in hetter tune with the new Britain than we are, and he's a winner. It's a pretty good bargain for a party that blew it a decade ago."

The Labour leader vigorously defended his changes to the party in his first interview since returning from holiday. Speaking on Channel 4 News, Mr Blair said: "Whenever you embark on a process of change and modernisation, of course there will always be dissent from that."

And he dismissed the criticisms about the influence of the party's "spin doctors", saying they were ignoring the real issues. "One of the things that I think is absolutely essential is that we go beyond all this triv-ia and the flotsam and jetsam of little internal party disputes and we focus on the fundamentals, the issues that actually matter of the British people." Meanwhile, the Advertising Standards Authority, despite deciding that "most readers" would not see the Tory "demon' image of Mr Blair as "satanic" said it breached a new rule brought in last year because it depicted the Labour leader as

Michael Trend, the deputy Tory chairman, said that the party had already decided not to

sinister and dishonest".



Cynthia Giannini of Chicago's Joffrey Ballet performs 'Billboards', which opened last night at the Royal Festival Hall. Set to the music of Prince, the work has been massively successful in the US

# That now for Charles?

Hostages speak out Passengers held hostage on board the hijacked Sudan Airays flight told of their ordeal at the hands of "terrorists" armed with knives, bombs and broken bottles. The hostages claimed they had behaved brutally and threatened to blow up the aircraft when one of them Was overpowered. Page 2

**BSE** danger revealed One in 50 cows used for food in the past 10 years was incuating BSE, according to a new British study. The research cannot show if recent cases of Crentzfeldt-Jakob Disease, were caused by infected food, out gives an analysis of the scale of the problem. Page 4

BBC political drama The BBC was embroiled in a political row last night after it innounced two new dramas which appeared to be critical of lew Labour. The corporation so faces suggestions that a new ason of programmes may thetto-ise" Britain's black

The clerk with the rubber stamp at the Registry Department of Somerset House yesterday did more than make absolute the After all, the monarchy has decree proclaiming the divorce of the Prince and Princess of Wales. His action gave official imprimatur to a new phase of deliberation over the future of the British monarchy.

The attention of the photographers may have been upon Diana, Princess of Wales, as she will henceforth be styled. But though the royal divorcée will undoubtedly remain meat for the gossip columns, her ability to make constitutional waves will fade. Attention will now focus on her former husband and the question of whether he will marry again.

Few can doubt that Prince Charles will now tussle with the eventual possibility of finally marrying the woman he is said to have loved for two decades. Secular liberals might be tempted to are ue simply that he Page 5 should be entitled to remarry. approves of remarriage in compromise should deliver. Per-

By Paul Vallely

changed dramatically during this century. Why not allow Charles to be a monarch in tune with his times?

The problem is that Charles himself does not appear to want to be a monarch in the European bicycling mould.
It is the Church of England which, unusually, is the cause of

the nation not being able to have it both ways. When the sovereign dies the Privy Council meets to pronounce the heir apparent as successor. But coronation is a mligious service in which the king are appointed by the prime
makes solemn vows "in the sight minister in the Sovereign's of God". The Church which conducts that consecration also holds that marriage involves similar lifelong vows. Prince Charles, its purists argue, failed to keep the former - so how can he undertake the latter? The Church of England dis-

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church. If Charles re-marries before the Queen dies, the Archbishop of Canterbury might be faced with the invidious choice of refusing to crown a Queen Camilla or else requesting the disestablishment of the Church.

Church constitutionalists in-

sist that the position of the Sovereign as Supreme Governor of modern monarchy should be: the Church of England is inextricably intertwined with the relationship between the state and its official church. Pluck out pirations of its people? that strand, and the whole knot name, by which hishops sit in the
House of Lords, by which there
to accept a morganatic marriage
or an uncrowned consort. Or he is a priest in every parish and a church for everyone in the land. The Church might then be taken over by rabid evangelicals. This is all alarmist stuff. In-

stead, the British genius for

haps the Supreme Governorship could be transferred to Lambeth Palace. Perhaps establishment could be remodelled along the lines of the Church of Scotland, which has no Supreme Governor. It might well be that disestablishment is exactly what Anglicanism needs to reinvigorate

itself in a phuralist society.

Prince Charles is caught between two visions of what a should it be a symbol of temporal and spiritual unity, or a family which epitomises the as-This then is the stark choice

which faces the Prince of Wales. He can remain single until he feels public opinion would come can decide that the time has come for the monarchy and the church to strike out. He should not rush his decision; unlike most others made by the Royal Family in recent years, this one may change our whole public polity.

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# Exam board errors cause college chaos

FRAN ABRAMS Education Correspondent

Thousands of students taking vocational A-levels have still not had their university places confirmed, it emerged last night. Administrative errors and holdups by both examination boards and schools have contributed to the problem.

One board sent out 850 students' results containing mistakes and had to fax every university in the country to

withdraw them again. Almost 4,700 candidates, onequarter of those offered university places with General National Vocational Qualifications (GNVQs), have not had official notification of their results. Universities have been forced to hold students' places open even though they may have failed to complete their courses.

Last night, one admissions tutor said that the future of the new GNVQs could be endanlooking for places through the clearing system could not compete with A-level candidates because they could not prove their results, he said. And universities and colleges could not free up spare places for other candidates because they did not know whether GNVQ students were going to take them

up or not.
Cajitin D'Silva, projects manager in charge of GNVQ admissions for Anglia Polytechnic University, said he planned to complain. As numbers taking the exams increased the problems would get worse, he added.

'We feel all the hard work done by all those involved and even the qualification itself could be jeopardised," he said.

Nigel Scott, operations director of the Royal Society of Arts (RSA) examinations board, said that there had been some teething troubles - the exams were introduced in 1992 but resuits have been processed through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) for the first time this year.

Wrong information sent out on half the 1,700 RSA candidates had been withdrawn within hours, Mr Scott said. "In a process as important as this we will obviously review it and disgered by the problems. Students cuss how anything that has caused some problems can be made to work better," he said.

A total of 243,991 students have now had places confirmed for this year, 1,900 more than at the same time last year. Full details of places still available through clearing are published with today's *Independent*.

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# Hostages tell of 'brutal' hijack

STEVE BOGGAN, JASON BENNETTO and ANTHONY BEVINS

Passengers held hostage on board the hijacked Sudan Airways flight into Britain told yesterday of their ordeal at the hands of "terrorists" armed with knives, bombs and broken

Contrary to earlier descrip-tions of the kidnappers as frightened family men fleeing the clutches of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, the hostages said they behaved brutally and threatened to blow up the aircraft when one of them was overnowered.

were related to Saddam or were part of his "inner circle".

Although this leaves open the possibility that they are politi-cal opponents, their identities remain a mystery and Iraqi dis-sidents in Britain yesterday cast doubts on this theory.

A security source said: "At this stage there is nothing to show they are members of any organisation.

The only hostage officially allowed to speak officially said last night that Britain would be wrong to grant political asylum. absolutely terrified until Elageed A-Saied, 43, a Sudan plane refuelled in Cyprus. reprowered. Airways marketing director, Security and government said: "They would not be good

people for Britain to grant people on board. A security asylum to. They have hijacked man hit one of the captors in the a civilian plane, with civilian passengers and sick passengers and children.

"It really is something very, very bad and they should be severely punished."

Ahmed Abubasher, 42, another of the 199 passengers and crew aboard Sudan Airways. flight SUD 150 from Khartoum to Amma, said: "At first, was like a football riot.

"People were hitting each other and fighting with the terrorists. For half an hour we were absolutely terrified until the "They had knives and we thought they wanted to kill

face. One of the others [hijackers) had a knife and he tabbed him.

"There was shouting and screaming. There were women and children there. They were crying and very frightened.
"They took two air stewards hostage and threatened them

Ahmed Ali, a Sudanese national, said he saw the hijackers produce two "bombs", since described by police as fakes.

Other witnesses described the "bombs" as hand grevades.
Mohammed Sadiq, 35, another of the passengers, said one of the hijackers made an explicit

threat to blow up the aircraft. "It was very terrible," he said. "The hijackers were shouting and one of the passengers succeeded in capturing one of them, but another came from the back of the plane and said that he was carrying a bomb.

"He said: 'I am going to explode it, so release my friend'." An Arab journalist, Ahmed Gurashi, said some passengers told him that the hijackers' wives had knives hidden the backs of their dresses.

The hostages' comments, ex-tracted despite heavy police pressure for them not to speak to the media, are likely to make the Government's dilemma, over whether to grant them

political asylum even more acute. Home Office sources, however, emphasised that the kidnappers would face criminal charges before any question of

The seven hijackers were questioned by detectives at Harlow police station in Essex. But police still refused to name them or the six women and two children held under the

Immigration Act. The news blackout suggests that MI5 and MI6 have advised ministers that it is in the national interest to keep Sad-

dam Hussein guessing.
And leave the public with a mystery that could take some time to untangle.

## SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Seventeen campaigners against open-cast mining in Wales were bound over to keep the peace by magistrates, following a demonstration at the headquarters of Celtic Energy at Aberaman in the Cynon Valley. Four youths and an adult, who all denied breaching the peace,

will be dealt with later. The protesters, described in court as "eco-warriors" scaled the perimeter fence shortly after fam yesterday. Super-give was poured into locks and saplings taken from sites around the valley were planted outside the offices, Police made 22 arrests. The group, calling itself Reclaim The Valleys, is demanding a referendum across South Wales before further open-cast mining is allowed. Tony Heath

Thys Callaghan, 16, died from meningitis after Clearning he had achieved outstanding GCSE results. He complained of flu-like systems the day after he was told he had achieved 10 A-grades. He was admitted to Newcastle upon Tyne General Hospital, where he later died.

His family, who live in Newcastle, have since received precautionary treatment to help protect them from the Group C strain of meningococcal meningitis. Group C strain of meningococcal meningitis.

Anature programme showing a mother and baby baboon being torn apart by a crocodile has been censured by the Broadcasting Standards Council. It said the "graphic scenes of suffering" shown by The Natural World – Last Feast of the Crocodiles should have been shown later at night. BBC2 broadcast the documentary at 6pm, when young children

were watching.
But the BBC claimed the predatory habits of animals featured in many programmes shown before the watershed, adding that the programme was "a record of events on a river in Southern Africa during a severe drought" which "contained moments of sadness as well as more hopeful and surprising incidents".

ne controversial video showing graphic footage of The controversial video showing graphic footage of NHS operations will remain banned from sale after High Court action by the Department of Health was adjourned yesterday. Lawyers acting for the film's makers said after the private hearing that they needed time to prepare their defence – that the footage of the video, Everyday Operations, was in the public interest. Mr Justice Maurice Kay adjourned the hearing until 16 September and extended the temporary injunction, issued last Sunday, banning sale of the film. Clare Garner

Acompany faces prosecution in the wake of a toddler's death, after a garden slide accident. Newcastle upon Tyne City Council confirmed it plans to prosecute John Menzies UK Ltd, parent company of the Early Learning Centre (ELC), which sold the slide.

A spokeswoman said the prosecution was being brought under toy safety regulations and if convicted, the company could be fined up to £5,000. Earlier this year Amy Grieveson, three, died in Newcastle's Royal Victoria Infirmary after the accident. She was found hanging and unconscious after her head became trapped between the actual slide and a support strut.

An inquest on five Japanese fishermen who died on board their ship last week found that their deaths were caused by gas poisoning. Cork coroner Cornelius Riordan said the captain of the *Taisei Marul*, the bosun, chief oller and cook all died in a vain attempt to save the chief engineer, who had been overcome by freon gas while trying to repair the ship's refrigeration system in the spains recommendation. to repair the ship's refrigeration system in the engine room.

The accident happened during a stand-off between a 30-strong Japanese tuna fishing fleet and the Irish navy, close to the edge of the Irish Republic's 200-mile fishing limit off the coast of Co Galway.

rian Wilson MP is publisher of the West Highland Free Press, not the 'West Island Free Press', as stated in yesterday's Independent.



All in the name: Princess Diana leaving the English Royal Ballet in London yesterday - her first engagement after losing her HRH title in the morning Photograph: Andrew Buurman

# At seventy one Honor Blackman is full of life. If only she could say the same about her

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RadioTimes IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT.

# A rubber stamp in a pokey office ends roval fairvtale

Within hours of the divorce of the Prince and Princess of Wales being made absolute yes-terday, the Queen released new rules on changes to royal titles in the event of future divorces.

In letters patent to be published in tomorrow's London Gazette, the Queen made clear that in future divorced wives of male descendants of the sovereign will not be entitled to use the Royal Highness title.

Such provision has not been necessary until this year and although, like the Duchess of York before her, Princess Diana accepted the loss of the Her Royal Highness title, she only

did so after often-public debate. The statement, in what is in effect the official government newspaper of record, was deemed necessary because the issue had never been addressed in previous letters patent on the HRH status. It was intended that yesterday's changes would serve future generations. No one, however, was named in the declaration. It reads: "The Queen has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Scal of the Realm dated 21st August 1996 to declare that a

The Queen takes action as Waleses get decree absolute. Clare Garner reports

of a son of a Sovereign and of the eldest living son of the eldest son of The Prince of Wales shall not be entitled to hold and enjoy the style, title or attribute of Royal Highness".

Buckingham Palace was anxious to make clear that although the proclamation starts with the historic wording: "The Queen has been pleased ... to declare", it was not intended to snub to Princess Diana.

attended her first engagement - at the English National Bal-let and still wearing her wedding and engagement rings - as Di-ana, Princess of Wales, as opposed to Her Royal Highness. the Princess of Wales.

Five hundred miles away, the Prince was with their sons at Balmoral. He had already written to more than 40 of his ex-wife's favourite retailers informing them he would no longer be picking up her bills. Earlier, at precisely 10.27am.

ow until she shall remarry) of in a pokey office in Somerset a son of a Sovereign ... of a son House in central London, the marriage ties between the Waleses were severed. Just one mile from Westminster Abbey, where the fairytale wedding of

15 years ago took place, the de-

cree nisi was stamped and the marriage declared over. Six weeks and two days after the decree nisi was lodged, the formal written application for the decree absolute was deliv-ered by Charles's solicitors, Farrer & Co. The whole process took approximately five minutes and cost £20 – paid in cash by Farrer & Co. Both parties will receive a photocopy of the document from the Principal Registry of the Family Division.

Robin West, the family proceedings department manager who oversaw the rubber stamp-ing, took to his 15 minutes of fame without fuss. He said that although he carries out between 60 and 100 decree absolutes each day the memory of the Waleses will linger longer than most. "It's something that

is certainly different and unusual to the normal course of events." he said.

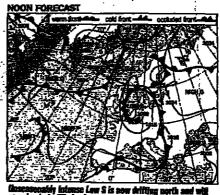
But Mr West added that the divorce - the 5.029th this year - was really no different to any other. "I don't feel any more sadness in relation to this [di-

vorce] as to any other." He had no recollection of where he was at the time of the royal wedding and he refused to be drawn on whether he was monarchist or republican.

"Pass." he replied coolly, before turning his attention to the rest of the day's divorces.

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# Major throws down gauntlet to Brussels

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ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

lohn Major yesterday issued a direct challenge to Brussels power, with a macho move that could leave him battling in splendid isolation for a return of British sovereignty in the runup to the next election.

A Foreign Office source said last night that the formal British proposal - to curb some of the "more intrusive aspects" of European legislation - was expected to get the backing of the

But Brussels sources said here was no chance of European leaders reopening the "hornets' nest" of the power of the European Commission, already defined in the Maastrichit treaty. The European Commissioner Marcelino Oreja, told the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee only

treaties? I fear this is just a ploy to get us through to the election. I'd bet a pound to a penny they won't get anywhere. jority of members states" wanted matters to stay as they were. That would leave Mr Major fighting defiantly in defence of British interests in at least two Certainly, given its tough tone, it would be remarkable if

Dublin summits, in October and December, with more batthe challenge was accepted. ties to be fought before an ex-pected general election in May. The immediate Westminster Delivered in a low-key Foreign Office statement on a new "Protocol on Subsidiarity", minspeculation was that Mr Major isters want it discussed as part was "taking on" Brussels in a cal-

own party, and outflank Tony Blair as the "puppet of Brussels". Union - the next stage of the However, any hope of Tory unity was immediately dashed by Richard Shepherd, one of the diehard Conservative Euro-sceptics, who told The Independent: "The Government is trimming at the edges. We are the supplicants in all this. We are trying to get back powers that we have already given to the Community ... If this

Maastricht process. The protocol - which would become legally binding, if accepted - will get its first airing at a meeting of ministers and officials in Brussels next week. However, London has already made its intentions clear. It wants the new protocol to be used as precision weapon against the European Commission - allowing detailed chal-

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then? Go into the election with last month that "the large ma- a demand for renegotiation of the European Court of Justice.

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# But who's left holding the baby? Labour Editor

With only months to the general elecaccused of suddenly discovering While pressure groups queued up

the special problems faced by working mothers, some of them were privately cynical about ministers'

#### Government's childcare initiative dismissed as too little, too late being rushed through in two months to give ministers time before the

election to "do something" for harrassed women who were trying to combine work and domestic responsibilities, it was said. Until now the Government has telied on one-off juitatives to make

the lives of working mothers easier,

coherent national strategy. Both the Equal Opportunities Commission and the organisation Employers for Childcare yesterday claimed responsibility for changing the Government's mind.

Cheryl Gillan, Education and Employment minister, conceded that more childcare provision was otives.

but critics argue that it has been too needed. The Government was
The consultation process was little and that there has been no determined to set up a framework

ensure that all "barriers" to women enjoying the help already available should be removed. It needed to assess the availability and afford-ability of childcare and to ensure that both simployers and their workers were given access to information on what was available, she said.

There was no suggestion, how-ever, that there would be much in the

for the provision of childcare and way of hard cash. Mrs Gillan, who has special ministerial responsibilifor women's issues, said the vernment would not act alone in this area. "I certainly do not believe in a manny sate. It is the family's responsibility to look after their

children," she said. The Government only had a role where there was real need, where children were at serious risk, for

remove obstacles and to create the right conditions for supply

to grow to meet demand.

Most women's organisations agreed that present government measures had belped, but the lax relief for employers to set up workplace nurseries had been a conspicuous failure. Officials at the Department of Education and Employment admitted that there had been no "revolution" in provision since the incentive was introduced.

No figures were available, but the take-up by employers had been "very limited".

Gill Haynes, chief executive of the National Childminding Association, said the Government should extend tax breaks to include the provision of child minders, who provided 60 per cent of care for work-

# Working mothers at bottom of heap

#### REBECCA FOWLER

As women prepare to take over the British workforce and exceed the number of men in employment by the year 2006, the Government and Labour are determined to seize the opportunity to coax ione mothers off welfare and back into jobs to meet the demand.

But neither ministers nor Labour have solved the question of who will be mother while the nation's estimated 1.3 million single parents go to work. If they join the growing army of women workers, what will hap-pen to their children? Although the Government

Authoright the Covernment pledged to bring down the barriers to childcare yesterday. Britain has one of the worst sixtems in Europe. For those women strugging to bring up children alone without basis up, the task of combining caring for their children without a nature. their children without a partner with a job that may include unsociable shifts, is bewildering.

Contrary to the stereolypical image of the feckless lone mother, Karin Pappenheim, director of the Council for One Parent Families, says recent surveys show most are eager to return to work. But they do not see how they can overcome the impossible juggling act of car-ing for their children and being

the sole breadwinger.

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year. While Labour has con-

opened a new base in Reading recently, filled places immediately and has a waiting list for parents who hope to get their children in when it is extended. But like most facilities, it closes at 7 pm, a finite when many women returning to employ ment are just starting work by cause they have little choicem. Kay Thiner, managing director of file dampany that runs little chair, said. Our experience is that there is a lack of supply that the parents are looking for the parents are not at the par

care facilities are not available. Kamlesh Bahl, chanwoman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, said: Problems for tone parents are particularly acuse, because they have to meet the costs from our of one wage rather than out of two. This obviously puts them at a great disadvantage and a prop-er transport of affordable care's essential to take the afford of the benefits trap."

The most recent Depart-

ment of Social Security re-

search showed that only 11 per

said reliable childcare was the esseptial or very important in helping them return to work.
While the Tories have failed dge of 25 years ago to probetter childcare, there are also no clear signs of what a. Labour government would offer following a similar pledge by Mr. Blair last year. He said: When single mothers are sed at home for lack of childcare we are poorer."



Playtime: Juley Felton, manager of the private Buffer Bear Nursery, in Watford, with two charges Photograph: Herbie Knott

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Tide of change in typing

> BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Secretaries are now more likely to take charge of the accounts and organise conferences than sit around filing their nails and typing, as a workplace revolu-tion hands them ever-increas-

pool

ing levels of responsibility.
In a survey of 468 organisations, secretaries were found to bave taken on an impressive range of duties, including accounting budgetary control, arranging seminars and events, rewriting and presenting reports and statistics, booking travel and accommodation, and managing buildings.

In addition, many have responsibility for company car flects, insurance, health and safety, payroll, purchasing, customer complaints, training, recruitment and administering cleaning and catering contracts.

The Reed employment agency, which conducted the research, comments that pay does not seem to have kept pace with the increased workload, salary increases having simply mirrored inflation. Indeed, some secretaries believe jobs are frequently advertised as secretarial because, if they were described as administrative or managerial, they would commmand higher salaries. Only 7 per promoted to non-secretarial jobs over the last four years.

Sixty-eight per cent of employers say managers are doing more of their own typing than four years ago. Others cite e-mail as a form of technology which has reduced the need for secretaries to type and circulate

internal messages.
In addition, 48 per cent of organisations feel that secretaries have become more of a "communications hub": co-ordinating managers who work outside the office. Fifty-six per cent feel secretaries are taking more de-

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# 600 plant species, 1,500 insects, 20 mammals and 65 birds are looking for someone to save their home



#### Conservationists hope ministers will protect dwindling hedgerows

**NICHOLAS SCHOON** Environment Correspondent

Ministers are expected to launch new protection measures for Britain's dwindling hedgerows next month.

They provide essential shelter and food for a rich variety of wildlife through the season and some are more than 1,000 vears old. Yet the latest Government estimate on hedgerow loss, from the early 1990s, was that more than 10,000 miles a year were disappearing due to neglect and grubbing out.

Whitehall is about to start public consultation on draft regulations compelling all landowners to notify their local council before they strip out any hedge. The council will then have 28 days in which to decide whether to refuse permission, on the grounds that the hedge is "important" - particularly historic or rich in plants and animals

Such measures were first proposed in an environment White Paper six years ago. when Chris Patten was Secretary of State for the Environment. Three secretaries of state later, planning protection for hedgerows is finally coming close to a reality.

Little more than 10 years ago grants available for removing them in the interests of farm

Ancient and species-rich

Britain on which the Government and leading wildlife charities have agreed rescue plans. The plans are a follow-up to the Rio Earth Summit in 1992.

"In Britain we've planted more than any other country over the centuries, and they're part of our culture and history, said Robert Wolton, hedgerow expert and enthusiast with English Nature, the Government's wildlife conservation arm. They're also critical natural capital. Over much of intensively farmed lowland England they form a last refuge for

Most go back at least 150 years, and a few are believed to be relict fragments of the vast forests which covered most of Britain until 3,000 years ago by which time human clearance was already well under way.

The older they are, the more varied are their shrubs and smaller plants. Some contain species which are associated with ancient woodland, such as the wild service tree and bluebells, and woodland animals such as the dormouse.

In all, more than 600 plant species, 1,500 insects, 65 birds and 20 mammals have been found to use Britain's 280,000 miles of hedgerows. Among this diverse flora and fauna are there were still government 13 species which are either in very rapid decline or endangered globally.

Between 1984 and 1990 there was a net loss of nearly onehedgerows are among 14 key quarter of Britain's hedgerows. wildlife habitats found in Some were stripped out by



Country heritage: Newly shorn sheep race by a hedgerow in Devon, where fields in Dartmoor are still bounded in traditional fashion (above, left)

farmers wanting to join fields, scattering and mincing the fruits for farm machinery and modern livestock methods.

But the majority were destroyed by neglect or mismanagement. The usual method of keeping them tidy is to use a flail cutter which lops Often it is done in the autumn,

making them more convenient and nuts which provide food to animals in winter.

The hedge grows back, but only at the top. Most hedge shrubs and trees do not put out fresh sprouts lower down, so the shaded hedge bottom grows into thick wood with large gaps off the top growth once a year. through which livestock can

After a few years it no longer looks like a hedge but a stragling, intermittent line of stunted trees. It no longer works, and there is little reason for the

farmer to keep it any more. Dr Wolton said: "The annual short back and sides has become the new tradition but it's quite unnecessary." He advocates a careful cutting every

three years, and a revival of the neglected art of laying hedges partly cutting and bending down the living wood to keep the structure thick and sprout-

ing near its base. The hedges look less tidy, but they will be far more use to wildlife. However, the traditional hedging methods are

main reason why they have heen ahandoned.

There are limited government grants to pay for hedge planting and restoration, but these are powhere near enough to offset the loss due to deliberate destruction, poor management and neglect.

The new regulations, which labour-intensive, which is the do not apply in Scotland, should

help. The criteria for what constitutes an "important" hedge will be laid down by government, and they are expected to give protection to

roughly one in five hedges. But ultimately the survival of Britain's hedgerows depends on how many farmers and landowners care about them. Leading article, page 13

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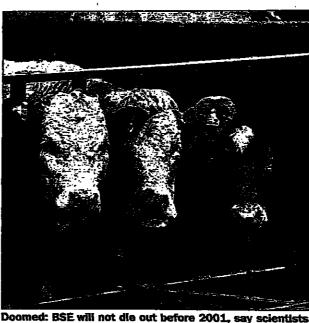
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# One in 50 cows used for human food had BSE



#### DAILY POEM My Father's Father's Father

In this city I have aged thousands of years.
I am older than the oldest tree in the world.

There are homes here for ancient holy cows but none for old people, nowhere for me to go.

It is good that like the cows I am prepared to wander the lanes and alleyways.

I was here before my father's father's father -I think I can identify him, rising upwards

like K2 on an early relief map of India. He is so old his skin is flaking like leaves, his hair is soft as dust. I take his arm,

tell him who I am, then we are old together.

We vow to bathe ourselves everyday although we are so old, because like the city

we are hanging by a tough thread and dead-looking trees

have brilliant purple flowers. Moniza Alvi was born in Lahore, Pakistan, but moved with her family to Britain at a young age. Her second collection, A Bowl of Warm.

Air, was published by OUP in May and, in a series that includes Kate

Clanchy, Robin Robertson, Patience Aghabi and Neil Rollinson, she reads from it at the Poetry Society (22 Betterton Street, London WC2) on Monday 2 September at 6.30pm.

Science Editor

One in every 50 cows used for human food in the past 10 years was incubating BSE, or mad cow disease, according to an anthoritative new study by British scientists.

Although the research cannot show whether 12 recent cases of a new variant of the brain disorder, Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD), were caused by eating BSE-infected food, it offers the first detailed analysis of the number of infected cattle that were eaten.

Described as "valuable and helpful" by the Government yesterday, the study also shows that between 1985 and 1989 when the most infectious tissues such as the brain and spinal cord, were still used in food -446,000 BSE-infected cows were eaten. That represents about 3 per cent of the total of roughly 3 million cows killed

every year.

In March, the Government said exposure to BSE-infected food could have been the cause of the new cases of CJD. The European Union subsequently banned British exports of beef and its by-products.

The study, which was carried out by a team at the University of Oxford, also shows that the Government's policy of culling all cattle aged over the age of 30 months will have little effect on the length of the BSE epidemic. The disease will not die out until 2001, no matter what action is taken, the scientists say, because it is now sustained by "maternal transmission" from cow to calf. Previously, BSE-infected feed was the main route

Jeffrey Almond of SEAC, the independent advisory commit-tee on BSE and CJD, said last night: "The big shock in this paper is the proportion of [infected] animals caten before the 1989 ban. "But the important and still unknown - figure is what proportion of those were in the late stages of BSE incu-

The analysis is published today in the science journal,

"We have been able to estimate the magnitude of the po-

tential problem, but there's still the issue of whether infected animals are infectious to people," said Christl Donnelly, one of the report's authors, yester-

"But with only 12 cases of the new CJD, it's impossible to predict what might happen." Professor Almond admitted: "There's not much that we can do for any people who might be incubating CJD. We can't diagnose it, and we can't

There was wide agreement last night that the cuiling policy - which is now underway across the country - was a shotgun approach to a problem which needed more specific We would have to cull more

than a million animals to make

much difference," said Dr Donnelly. "Any less than that and you are reducing less than half of the cases. For example, culling 150,000 cattle would reduce cases by 34 per cent." A better method, argued the report's authors, would be to fo-

cus on cattle herds which had already experienced high inci-dences of BSE, as these would be more likely to include infected calves. Professor Almond agreed:

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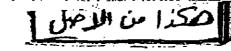
"Culling is an expensive way of dealing with the problem and has little added impact on it."

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said that the comparison of culling strategies offered in the analysis was "of particular interest. However, its spokesman would not complications of the consumption of BSE-infected cows.

The Meat and Livestock Commission welcomed the analysis. "We will certainly look at this data, and if it looks like the cull is not needed then that is great news for farmers," said Phil Saunders.

"We have said all along that we expect BSE to fade out by the end of the century. But at the end of the day, we have to look at consumer confi-

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A woman who won the archi-

tectural section of this year's BBC Design Awards was yesterday found guilty of falsely claiming to be a fully qualified member of the profession. Gabriele Bramante designed the Citizens' Advice Bureau in

Chessington, south-west London, which was featured on BBC Television. But although she described herself as an architect she was not registered with the Ar-

(ARC) and so was not entitled to do so. Richmond magistrates'

Ms Bramante, who runs Bra-

nante Architects in Teddington,

also in south-west London, was

prosecuted under the 1938 Ar-

chitects' Registration Act for sending out various letters to the

CAB with "architect" after her

name. She was fined £1,000 for

two separate impersonations on 29 March and 17 May this year. The CAB building cost

£360,000 and was opened last

March by the Princess Royal, It

was featured on BBC2 on 12

June, when Janet Street-Porter

Keith Barker, on behalf of the ARC, the profession's watch-

dog, told the court that there

was no record of Ms Bramante

being a fully qualified architect.

registrar at the ARC, said: "Our

der the 1938 act who call them-

selves architects without having proper qualifications ... Anyone

can carry out architectural work, but they are not allowed to call

Ms Bramante, who did not

attend the court hearing, said later yesterday that she had qualified in the United States

but there had been a delay in

Havard University forwarding

her academic record: "I asked

Harvard to send my academic record to ARC (UK) about

themselves architects."

George McLellan, assistant

conducted a tour.

court was told.

# BBC bids to win black **1ewers**

Michael Jackson, controller of BBC2, yesterday announced he would be devoting two-anda-half hours of television to black viewers on Friday nights — to change the perception that they are "a series of problems".

In a remark which may in-flame the very people he is seek-ing to attract, he said: "There is a danger of this audience being thought of as a series of problems: the problem of poverty, the problem of dis-

We don't want to hide the fact that there are problems -that is why we have current affairs programmes, not that they always look at problems --- but this is a way of reflecting an-

The two-and-a-half-hour entertainment strand will offer the first black drama series on British television for two decades, together with a black dating show, a lifestyle programme, and a spoof game

It is the BBC's boldest bid yet to win alienated blackviewers. But it will raise questions over whether they will be ghettoised and served even less throughout the schedule as a result.

The £1.5m initiative forms part of Mr Jackson's final schedule before he takes on the job of BBC1 controller and director of television next month in the new BBC Broadcast Directorate.

Entitled The A-Force, it will run from 11.15pm to 1.45am. A Iain Banks' novel The Crow key element will be a drama series, Brothers and Sisters, folof the congregation of a Northern Pentecostal church.

Another will be the first Hughes.

MARIANNE MACDONALD black dating show in which contestants—all black—pick their dream date from a virtual reality computer bank.

Hang Time will provide a Hel-lo!-style look at homes and life-styles of black celebrities, while round-ups of the latest black music and fashion trends and a look at black soap operas worldwide is also promised.

Mr Jackson said the strand was an attempt to build on the success of Black Britain, the weekly current affairs show. It was not an attempt to ghettoise its black audience, he said.

"I don't think it's ghettoising These viewers are different and have a different history and we want to reflect that, not blandify, homogenise and integrate all

"All the research shows that that audience doesn't feel particularly comfortable with the BBC or served by it very well and it wants to know what the BBC is going to give it for its licence fee."

The controller, who has won acclaim for turning BBC2 around in his three years at the helm, added that a recent programme strategy review had highlighted the "huge gulf between the BBC and its Afro-Caribbean audience". The way to overcome it was to target a chunk of time rather than "slotting programmes into the middie of the schedule".

Other highlights of its au-tumn schedule include a new Performance season of awardwinning plays for Saturdays; a four-part drama serial based on Road; a series exploring the human mind led by the neuexploration of US culture presented by the art critic Robert



Black faces from television, including Lenny Henry Trevor McDonald, Norman Beaton and Cy Grant

## head denies dramas mask political smears

The BBC yesterday denied having a hidden political agenda after it announced two new dramas which seem to criticise

In Giving Tongue, to be screened on BBC2 this autumn, Labour has stormed to victory in the general election. Fielding, (played by Clare Holman) launches a Private Mem-

and in so doing weakens the in-fluence of the Lords.

But Ms Fielding's murky past catches up with her. She had a teenage lesbian relationship with a huntswoman and an under-age affair with a Tory MP. And in Crossing the Floor, written by Drop The Dead Donbeleaguered Tory Home Secretary betrays his party and

The Conservatives have a majority of just one and his reward for betraying them is an influential position in the Labour Party. Labour leader Tom Peel (Neil Pearson) agrees to the move and the machinations of his party's "spin doc-

tors" are exposed for all to see. ber's Bill to abolish blood sports forms a secrei pact with Labour. Labour Party conference ends, an Mawhinney "happy".

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on 5 October. It was allegedly inspired by the defection of the Tory MP Alan Howarth to

The Controller of BBC2, Michael Jackson, denied any intention to "smear" New Labour and "restore the balance" after Michael Dobbs's House of A Very Open Prison, is due for motivated by wanting to keep transmission the day after the Tory Party chairman Dr Bri-

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A senior BBC spokesman said: "The timing of this is coincidental. One is political satire written by someone who specialises in comedy. The idea that these dramas can be put out at a moment's notice is absurd."

Mr Jackson, who takes over as Controller of BBCI next launch of BBC2's £69m au-

eight weeks ago, Everyone knows I qualified in America." She said that in 1986 she went

to Harvard on a scholarship and took a masters course, which she said was equivalent to a diploma. "I graduated from Harvard in 1987. I have certainly taken post-graduate studies and I think I am more qualified than Letters, page 13 | most architects in this country.

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# PR head suspended over tobacco report

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

The Medical Research Council has suspended its head of public communications after she vealed her opposition to the MRC taking tobacco cash to study the medical effects of

The decision by Britain's leading state funder of medical research to take funds from British American Tobacco has been strongly criticised by doc-

other scientific bodies, such as the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Nick Winterton, the MRC's administrative secretary, has admitted that the decision to take the money had been "a difficult one", with the antismoking campaign group Ac-tion on Smoking and Health (ASH) yesterday condemning the decision to suspend Mary Rice as "outrageous" Ms Rice, 49, who has a long

specialist and a parliamentary from the tobacco giant. lobbyist, has been with the research council for seven years and was credited by friends yesterday as doing "more to bring the MRC's public relations into the Nineties than

anyone else". She was suspended after telling the Sunday Times newspaper last week that she had opposed the decision by the Neurochemical Pathology Unit in Newcastle to

track record as a public relations take the £147,000 "donation"

She told the Sunday Times: "I thought it would be seriously damaging to the MRC's reputation as an impartial source of scientific knowledge. I put this in writing but was over-ruled." Yesterday Ms Rice was re-

said it was clear that she had been quoted correctly in the ASH protested that the

fusing to return calls from the

She [Ms Rice] clearly warued the MRC that taking tobacco money would damage its reputation and that is exactly what has happened. She was simply doing her job. To suspend her

now is outrageous." The acceptance of the cash contribution towards a threevear research project studying the beneficial or harmful effects of nicotine in age-related dis-orders such as Alzheimer's disease is already forcing a rethink

media, but sources at the MRC

units of the Medical Research Council are encouraged to seek outside finance. Nick Winterton, the MRC's

administrative secretary, who was on holiday yesterday, told The Independent at the weekend that the guidelines would have to be reviewed following the controversy.

The council - whose members have still not formally been told about the BAT donation was "anxious to avoid any sug-

gestion" that the MRC's scien-tific work was being influenced by funding sources, he said.

"If people perceive that to be happening, even if it is not the case and we do not believe it to be the case here, then we would have to rethink. The perception is itself a serious cause for concern.

Jane Lee, the MRC's Director of Corporate Affairs, said that the decision to suspend Ms Rice - taken by herself as Mary Rice's line manager and Mr

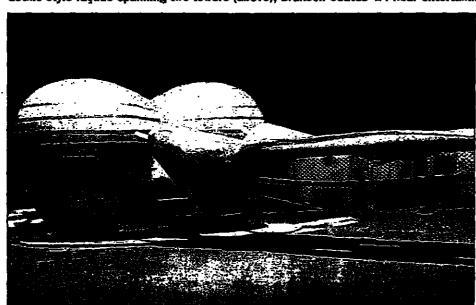
holiday - followed "some difference of views between management here and Mary about the ramifications of the quote

Clarification was needed on whether she was speaking personally or as a corporate spokesman. Ms Lee said. A period of paid absence seemed sensible while we reflect and decide what if anything needs to follow in her best interests

## Spanning the Thames: Top international architects invite controversy with designs for a new inhabited bridge across river



21st-century living: The Royal Academy's competition to design an inhabited bridge across the Thames has spawned some revolutionary submissions, including Krier Kohl's Gothic-style façade spanning two towers (above); Branson Coates' 24-hour entertainment centre (below, left); and Antoine Grumbach's 'Green Bridge' (below, right)





# Jewels in our heritage or a bridge too far?

#### MARIANNE MACDONALD

A revolutionary design for an inhabited bridge across the River Thames could soon become a reality. Plans have have been submitted by world-famous architects, including Daniel Libes-kind - creator of the V&A's infamous extension ~ and Zaha Hadid, whose design for the Cardiff Opera House was con-

troversially rejected. Seven architectural practices were invited to enter the Royal Academy's competition to design a new inhabited bridge across the Thames, and the resulting proposals have astonished assessors.

The brief was to ensure that the structure was commercially viable, following a feasibility study by KPMG which suggested ways in which income could be raised from shops, restaurants, hotels and public viewing platforms.

But few were prepared for postmodern' architectural notions of how a 21st-century bridge in the heart of a capital would look. "They shatter traditional concepts of bridge design and are sure to generate a heated debate," said exhibi-tion curator, Peter Murray.

cafés between a grand tower on the north bank and an all-glass Culture Palace" on the south.

Typically, Libeskind's design deconstructed the concept altogether to create a network of paths across the river. The designs by the four UK

practices are also revolutionary. Ms Hadid offers a bridge which cantilevers accommodation from the banks, allowing views through the central section. Branson Coates offers an anthropomorphic design hous-

ing a 24-hour leisure and enter-

tainment centre, with two hotel towers close to the south bank. Future Systems solves the problem with its "People's Bridge" - a pedestrian bridge using boat technology to create

a skeletal-looking form.

Ian Ritchie's design incorporates a park set above howiing alleys and cinemas, while Krier Kohl of Germany offers a Gothic-style façade spanning two towers incorporating flats.

The proposed site runs from-Temple Gardens on the north bank to the area in front of the London Weekend Television building on the south bank. The winner will be announced on 24 September, after which it is hoped that private developers will make offers to fund the construction of a bridge.

Models and drawings of the submissions form the centrepiece of an RA exhibition. Living Bridges, which illustrates the history of the inhabited bridge. It will run from 26 September to 18 December and visitors will be invited to vote for their favourite design.
The official judging will be

carried out by Mr Murray and Mr Gummer, together with Sir Philip Dowson, president of the RA, Michael Cassidy, chair-Submissions included the man of the policy and resources Green Bridge" from Antoine committee of the Corporation Grumbach of France, incorpo- of London, Sir Robert Clarke, Jean Dethier, a curator of the Centre Georges Pompidou, Gordon Graham, past president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and the broadcaster, Janet Street-Porter.

The last inhabited bridge over the Thames was destroyed in the mid-18th century. Originally a Roman pontoon bridge, it spanned Southwark and the City and held houses, shops, corn mills and waterworks. The only remaining inhabited English bridge is Pulteney Bridge, in Bath, built by Robert Adam.

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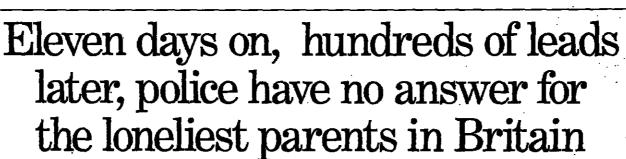
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The search for missing children Tom and Jodi Loughlin took a significant turn yesterday when police confirmed that a witness had come forward who spotted the family together on the beach minutes before the two

children disappeared. The description is the first confirmed sighting of the children anywhere near the beach at Holme, near Hunstanton since the search began 11 days

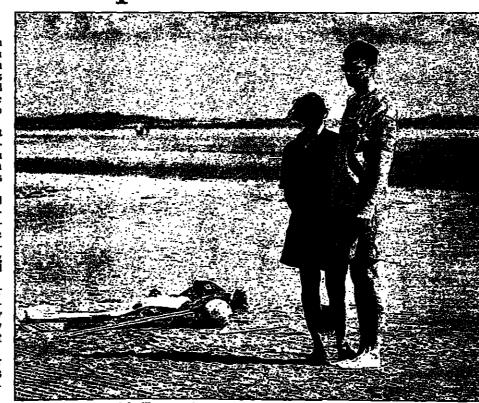
ago.
Police said that a middle-aged woman had come forward say-ing she had heard the chil-dren's mother Lynette Thornton, 37, call out to fouryear-old Tom, who was lagging behind as the family walked across the beach.

Police Sergeant Peter Thompson said that the witness's description was a "very healthy development with very little discrepancy from a perfect

He added: "This was as near to 100 per cent a description as one could get, with so many detailed points." Yet despite the woman's report, police say they are

nowhere nearer to tracing the movements of the two children after they left their parents and ran towards the sea. resterday the police renewed their appeal for two women to come forward. They were walking across a golf course near the beach and had remarked on two

shrimp nets that Jodi, six, was



Searchers: Tom and Jodi's parents re-enacting the incident Photograph: Alban Donohoe

kicked a black and white beachball to the family, and a middle aged couple who were seen lking to two children in a boat.

The search has been complicated over the past 11 days as Kevin Loughlin, 37, and his wife Lynette Thornton, from Norwood, south London, became increasingly confused The police also said they rounding the case. For six days wanted to speak to a man who police understood that the fam-

the village of Holme next the Sea when the children ran off. It was not until Friday of last week that Mr Loughlin was calm enough to propoint that they had been at Gore Point, a narrow split a mile nearer The Wash. However on Tuesday of this week, a third location between the golf links and Gore Point was given as the spot.

ily had been near golf links at ed use of a large computer system, the Home Office Large Inquiry (Holmes), to deal with more than 700 calls which had been logged since the beginning of the search. Holmes allows detectives to

sift swiftly through large amounts of information gathered on a major inquiry, and to spot links and patterns in Yesterday, police were grant-

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# Arafat strikes back at Israeli bulldozing

In his most vituperative attack since he returned from exile two years ago, Yasser Arafat yesterday accused Israel's rightwing government of "declaring war on the Palestinians by expanding Jewish settlements

and stalling the peace process.

The Palestinian leader called a four-hour protest strike this morning in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem. "Strike, strike everywhere," he ordered the Palestinian legislative council, meeting in the West Bank town of Ramaliah. We cannot keep silent. We cannot tolerate this hellish plan that they are carrying out with toughness and stubbornness."

A furious Mr Arafat said the Israeli Prime Minister, Benhumiliate the Palestinians, "We

spokesman reacted by warning Mr Arafat that Israel "will respond sharply to any attempt to worsen the situation, or to any violence which could endanger the peace process". It urged him to refrain from "declarations and extreme actions, which do not contribute to ad-

vancing the peace process". Mr Arafat was speaking a day 900 extra homes in Kiryat Sefer, a new town for ultra-Orthodox Jews being developed across the old "green line" border.

On Tuesday Israeli bulldozers demolished a Palestinian community centre in the Old City of Jerusalem, which spokesmen claimed had been built without a licence. The from the Palestinian Authority. keep out of the disputed city.

since Mr Netanyahu rescinded by the previous Labour Gov-ernment. The land had already been acquired for the town. which is remote from Arab population centres, but Palestinians fear it will begin another settlement boom.

Mr Arafat was taking an aggressive stance in advance of hold soon with Mr Netanyahu. The prime minister, who has refused to embrace the man he considers an unrepentant terrorist, was forced to think again invited Mr Arafat to meet him.

Mr Arafat was also seeking to show his people, dispirited by the diplomatic stalemate and their consequential economic if he has to. But it is the Palesknowledge that a revival of the ible option. Israeli troops are no longer ready targets for stones and petrol bombs in most West Bank and Gaza towns.

that Mr Arafat might look the other way if Palestinian bombings inside Israel. Since the last wave of terrorism in have co-operated with their Israeli counternarts to curb the bombers. They need something

yesterday that the Israeli army and police were on heightened fensive by Islamic Jihad, the There was speculation that it



# AN OPEN INVITATION TO MICHAEL MEACHER MP AND THE LABOUR PARTY FROM NORTH WEST WATER.

In a recent report to the media, Mr Michael Meacher MP pours more than scorn over the water industry.

He claims that bathing off certain popular beaches is equivalent to "swimming in raw sewage", thanks to the water companies dumping it straight into the sea.

North West Water, according to his report, are the worst offenders.

However, he neglects to point out that his report is based largely on some very old facts and figures.

The effect of this inaccurate report is to damage the development of tourism - a vital part of the North West economy - and with it the creation of new jobs.

To bring the Shadow Environmental Protection Secretary up to date, and avert any further damage to North West tourism, here are some 1996 facts and figures for him to digest before his next public outpouring.

FACT: Launched in 1994, North West Water's £500 million Sea Change initiative is not only a major feat of British engineering, it's also one of Europe's largest ever environmental clean up operations.

**FACT**: Sea Change brings to an end the centuries old daily practice of dumping raw sewage directly into the sea.

FACT: 30 major projects have been undertaken along the North West coastline (from the Scottish border down to Merseyside), and this massive investment programme is now virtually complete.

FACT: The work has included 12 new or upgraded wastewater treatment plants, over 20 kilometres of new wastewater super-tunnels, 35 new pumping stations, and 9 new long sea outfalls.

FACT: Wastewater is now being treated using the latest biological methods to meet stringent legal and regulatory standards before it is safely released into deep water as far as three miles out to sea.

FACT: Sea Change is just part of a £2 billion environmental programme North West Water is carrying out to improve the quality of the region's rivers and bathing waters.

If misinformation is to be the basis of Mr Meacher's future reports to voters there is little we, or anyone else, can do to stop him.

However, we believe the public deserve something better - the truth.

Truth based on today's facts, today's figures, and what the heck, actual first-hand knowledge.

That's why we're extending an invitation to you, Mr Meacher and your colleagues.

Please, come and see what has been achieved. Visit our treatment plants. Talk to local communities. Talk to our people. See for yourself how we're helping to clean up the environment and aid the economic revival of this region.

We have nothing to hide from anybody.



## Military deal softens Turks' shift to Islam

TONY BARBER Europe Editor

Turkey signed a military co-operation agreement with Israel yesterday in a move that balanced recent diplomatic and trade initiatives towards the Islamic world by the Prime Minister, Necmettin Erbakan, and his new Islamist-led government. Turkish officials said the deal with Israel covered co-operation in the defence industry and was similar to agreements that Turkey has with about 20 other countries.

unusual in that it was the second joint military accord between Turkey and Israel this year. A previous agreement, which was signed before Mr Erbakan's Islamist Welfare Party came to power last June, allowed Israeli pilots to train in criticism from Iran and other Islamic countries.

Mr Erbakan, who is Turkey's first Islamist leader in more than 70 years, caused a stir in the United States this month when he chose Iran for his first foreign trip as prime minister. He signed a \$20on (£12.9on) deal to build a pipeline and import gas from Iran into Turkey, and followed it up with a range of important trade agreements signed during visits to Indone-sia, Malaysia, Pakistan and

These measures aroused susicions in Washington that Mr Erbakan might be hoping to reduce Turkey's emphasis on its ties with the West in favour of closer involvement with the Islamic world. After he returned from his eastern trip, however, Mr Erbakan said: We want to develop our rela-

same time we want to raise to the highest level our relations with brotherly Muslim coun-

When in opposition, Mr Erbakan spoke out against the Israel, but quietly lifted his objections after coming to power. His decision to keep this arrangement in place and to sign a new defence co-operation



Erbakan: West with Muslim world

deal with Israel underlines there are limits to the pro-Islamist slant of his foreign policy. More evidence to this effect came when Mr Erbakan per-

mitted the renewal of Operation Provide Comfort, the US-led mission which uses a Turkish air base to protect Kurds in northern Iraq. The Welfare Party's deputy leader, Riza Ulucak, said: "Our stand is not one of abandoning one bloc and approaching another. We do not feel enmity towards anyone. However, we feel that it is our most natural right to give priority to our own interests





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# Jubilant Democrats do homage to Hillary

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Putting aside its public differences on welfare reform, a buoyant and harmonious Democratic party has reopened its love affair with Hillary Clin-ton and now awaits only her husband's final call to arms today, ahead of what it is increasingly sure will be victory over the Republicans in autumn.

The convention arena stood and cheered her to the rafters on Tuesday as she took the podium to deliver one of the most

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career. And in her home town, Mrs Clinton did not disappoint. With dignity and conviction, the First Lady often portrayed as resident White House witch transformed herself into crusader for America's families and children, and as well as first promoter of the President's bid for a second term. Not only did

After his three-day Midwestern rail trip, which ended in Indiana, Mr Clinton helicoptered across Lake Michigan into the city last night, brandishing new education and environmental-protection proposals - as well as a \$3.5bn (£2.3bn) plan to create jobs for people on welfare, aimed at deflecting criticism from within his party at the welfare-reform bill he signed last week. In fact, that dissent has already cooled to embers. In

spoke, both Jesse Jackson and Mario Cuomo, liberal lions of recapturing if not the Senate, at conventions past, took strong issue with the President over least the House. Even before his appearance welfare, with the former New York governor declaring that

political advantage" deriving from the measure. But on this glitzy stage, and with the party scenting victory in November, no one was going to rock the boat for long.

Hopes here are growing that by demonizing Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Rep-

"harm to children outweighs the

dren, she insisted, referring to characteristically charged flights the title of her recent book, "It of oratory before Mrs Clinton worth, the Democrats this with Mr Jackson hailing him as autumn can do half that job, by a bulwark against a "right-wing

in Chicago, Mr Clinton has been re-extending his lead over his Republican challenger, Bob Dole - to 15 per cent. according to an ABC-TV poll. Compassion, family and above all unity have been the

Democrats' watchwords this week. Messrs Cuomo and Jackson have had differences with Mr Clinton that long predate "All the rights that made Gen-welfare reform, but here both eral Powell possible are under

assault on the elderly, our students and civil rights".

The civil-rights leader and comrade-in-arms of Martin Luther King even took an unscripted jab at his fellow black. Colin Powell, the great American hero displayed so prominently at the Republican convention earlier this month. His reassuring moderation was no more than a front for Mr Gingrich and Pat Buchanan: assault for the next generation," Mr Jackson warned, to a thunderous standing ovation. Ultimately though, it was Mrs Clinton's evening, a piece of image remaking that she carried off to perfection. No matter that in Washington, new

here, casting fresh doubt on her conduct in the aftermath of the 1993 suicide of Vince Foster. As a sea of "Welcome Home

Americans have rarely been accused of having a sense of

America"/"I miss my mom") of

the "Keynote Speaker", the In-

diana Governor, Evan Bayh. It's

like going to a music festival and

seeing Placido Domingo, the

Bay City Rollers and Eric Clap-

The holiest shrine in the build-ing, the Bulls' locker room,

has been converted into a re-

ception room for party grandees to wine and feed friends and

benefactors. A photographer is

on hand to take souvenir shots

of the guests posing next to a

jersey worn by Michael Jordan,

a superstar whose poll ratings

leave Bill Clinton and Bob

ntelligent people are orches-trating all this, supposedly to

maximum manipulative effect.

behind the scenes, deep in the

bowels of the Chicago Bulls'

basketball stadium, the United

Centre. According to the Na-

tional Journal, a Harvard lawyer

Dole in the dust.

ton all on the same stage.

Whitewater documents were

released just before she spoke

Introduced by Tipper Gore. the Vice-President's wife, as a woman "subjected to the most unimaginable incivility", she did not once refer to the ceaseless Republican allegations over her role in Whitewater and her at the White House,

For an instant, the clock went back to the start of her husband's administration, as she called anew for health-insurance Hillary banners waved, the coverage for all, despite the fail-First Lady spoke of the joys of ure in Congress two years ago bringing up her own daughter, of the unwieldy reform plan Chelsea, and pleaded for more which she largely created.

# Studs Terkel chews up the 'vulgar' left

John Carlin lunches with Chicago's Pulitzer champion at his biting best

differences between Bill Clinton and Bob Dole can be poured into Tom Thumb's thimble - and you'll still have space left over for a small Martini."

Studs Terkel, musing over lunch on the state of the nation, remains at 84 the acerbic, wisecracking voice of blue-collar Chicago, the impish conscience of the otherwise moribund American left. The Pulitzer prizewinning author, radio host and celebrated establishment scourge has not allowed a quintuple heart by-pass operation two months ago, followed by a four-hour operation to remove parts of his intestines, to restrain his rage in the face of what he perceives to

be humbug and injustice.

Many of the delegates at the Democratic National Convention this week in Chicago are biting their tongues, refraining from voicing their true feelings about ramen defens or operation 💃 Mr Clinton in the interests of party unity and the imperative to defeat Mr Dole in November's presidential election.

But it is no secret that the ranks of the party faithful are filled with people seething at the President's blatantly electoral decision to sign a Republican welfare reform bill last week ending 60 years of guaranteed. cash benefits to poor families.
"You know, there's one true

thing Dole said in his address at the Republican convention in San Diego," said Mr Terkel, tucking with gusto into a Chinese meal. "These were Dole's words: 'My opponent's trying to be a Republican - I'm surprised he's not here tonight.' I liked that. Dole was right, for once. Clinton's the most rightwing Democrat I've seen this century. I hope he beats Dole,

Chicago — "The fundamental of course. But, boy, it's a hell of

a way to enter the millennium!" The Democrats' election campaign war-cry, "Four more years!", is one that Mr Terkel acknowledges to be rather more pertinent to himself than to Mr Clinton. "The doctor says I'll live 10 years more. But I don't think so. When I say four more years', I mean it. I'll take it. So here comes the big question: I want my last vote to count. I'd rather vote for something I want and don't get, than for something I don't want but get.
"So I'm thinking of writing

down the name of Ralph Nader. He's a good guy. He's always challenged the corporate big boys. People say it's a wasted vote but it's not. I want to vote this time for me, for my own, personal self-respect. Though I may, with great reluctance, vote for Clinton if it's very close - like all those decent Democrats who are in despair but who Clinton has cowed."

In Chicago they regard Mr Terkel's take-no-prisoners eloquence with affection and pride. Two years ago the city authorities named a bridge after him. Walk with him down the streets and you'll see that at everystep he takes strangers assail him, shake him by the hand: "How ya doin' Studs?"; "You look after yourself, Studs, you hear?"

The truth is, he does not hear very well. And he has lost weight though this is the least of his concerns. What is a source of regret is that, on doctor's orders, he has been obliged to cut out cigars and reduce his once-celebrated dry Marti-

ni intake to one glass a day. So at lunch he asked for red wine instead, which the head waiter at Chicago's Szechuan



Talking Terkel: 'Everywhere you go in the world you see the left moving to the right'

restaurant provided on the house. The one-sided hour-and-a-half conversation – or Vulgar people who condemn big government while they – and here's the exquisite irony – they and-a-half conversation - or rather, effervescent one-man drama - ranged from jazz and blues to Frank Capra to Olaf ment after the Depression." Palme to South Africa to Tony Then he told a story, by way Blair. "Blair's just like John Major, isn't he? Everywhere

you go in the world you see the left moving to the right." But he reserved most of what cane behind at the bus stop. So remains of his bile for America's politicians. "I try to shame them, but they are shameless. They are vulgar people who don't understand the meaning of civil behaviour. With this welfare deform bill - that's what I call it, welfare DE-form - the President and Congress have committed a vulgar act. They hate to be called vulgar, these people. That's why I call them that.

when the driver steps back onto the bus with the cane, you know what they do? They give are the very ones whose daddies' her a warm round of applause. asses were saved by big govern-"Now, you see? That's what I call civil behaviour. The vulgar-

ians are the people at the San of contemporary parable. "I Diego convention. The vulgari- vulnerable than yourself." get on a bus to go to my cardiac rehab the other day and I suddenly realise that I've left my I go up to the driver, who's a large, handsome black lady. I

tell her what I've done and I ask her if I can get off the bus. She says, 'you just sit where you are' And she stops the bus and walks off down the road to fetch the cane. Now there are six white ladies riding in the bus with me, so I apologise to them, explaining what's going on. They're very nice about it and ans are your Clintons signing that bill. We're a society of snotty kids. The battle is between civil behaviour and vulgarity. Vulgar doesn't mean belching at the dinner table. Vulgar means how you behave towards someone more

#### Chicago Diary

proportion but even by their standards the Democratic connamed Vicki Radd desperately vention has seen an extraordiapplies the final polish to the speeches in the dressing room nary juxtaposition of highs and lows, of the sublime and the emof the Luv-a-Bulls, the dancers barrassingly, cringingly inept. We're talking about the speeches here, which ranged on Tueswho entertain basketball crowds during the television commercial breaks. Room 56, the ushday from the magnificent ers' changing room, has been oratory of Jesse Jackson to the syrupy gush of the debutanush and teleprompter so that Tipper Gore; from the hard in-telligence of Mario Cuomo to Hillary, Jesse et al can rehearse their speeches under the watchthe banalities ("My parents didn't start with much but they gali who specialises in dramatic believed in the promise of pauses and "applause lines".

> he Democrats may be Amerlica's version of the people's party. But at this particular party there are two classes of people. The United Center is a sports arena, and ordinary delegates chow down like regular Bulls fans. True, beer has been banished, but the refreshment stands offer all the kosher dogs, nachos and french fries you can handle, washed down with Coke. Delegates stagger into the arena, balancing bucket-sized containers of popcorn. How different upstairs in the corporate boxes where the fat cats play. Someone has to pay for Bill Clinton's \$70m (£46m) campaign, and on the second level you can glimpse those who do. No popcora here, just deep armchairs and whiteclothed tables groaning with beer and Martinis. In politics as

> > John Carlin

in life, you get what you pay for.

#### California opts for 'chemical' castration

TIM CORNWELL Los Angeles

California is set to approve path-breaking legislation this week requiring the "chemical castration" of repeat sex offenders.

A new law would force them to undergo periodic injections of drugs to reduce their testos-terone levels - or to choose surgical castration.

The legislation, backed by Republican Governor Pete Wilson, is described as the toughest treatment the United States has seen for sex crimes. The danger from known sex criminals has been brought home here, as in Europe, by high-profile cases involving the abduction and murder of children by ex-convicts who have a history of sexual

The new law faces challenges from civil rights groups and criticism from psychiatrists who regard it as too simplistic an answer to compulsive sexual crimes. But supporters claim the use of drugs like Depo-Provera, which is typically injected once a week and the effects of which are not permanent, can lower the repeat rate to as little as two

Dr Fred Berlin, founder of the Sexual Disorders Clinic at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, says success with the drug has come where patients are fully informed and wani treatment.

He adds: "There may be a role for the medicine to play, but the idea of mandating it on a large number of people is going to the other extreme." Bryan Appleyard, page 15



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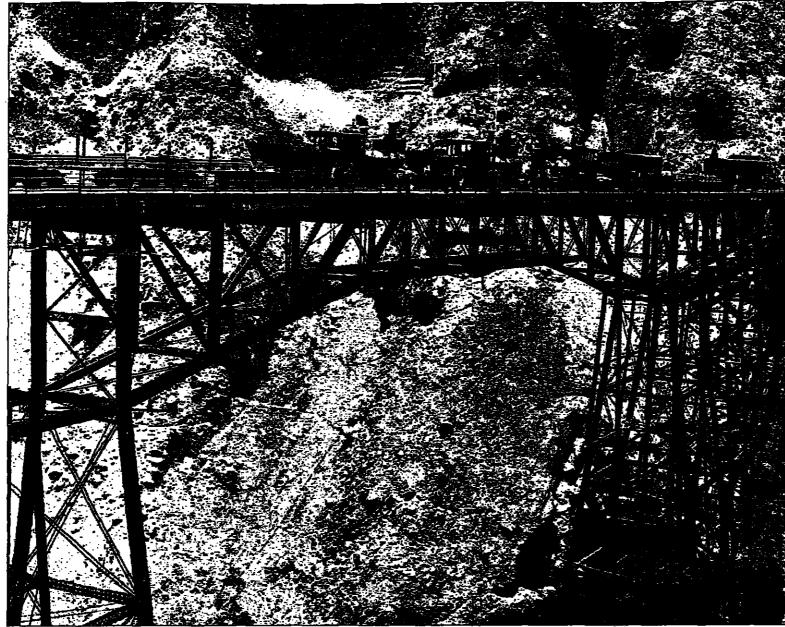
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ighest. I tried to emulate the initial but my water flowed timer east nor west and sim-enked into the beige soil. Chiling a train up the Andes a height equivalent to the cermit of Mont Blanc is reathtaking, literally. Try it in e driver's cab of a goods nin, complete with diesel omes, on a line that used to be

context of a fine that used to be stacked by Sendero Luminoso binding Path) guerrillas, and fon feel giddy.

Getting off at Galera, I was to reasonable shape, thanks to be recommended glucose addets that ease the effects of the first thanks to be stated as the first of the firs weeche (altitude sickness). short of breath, it was difficult ... converse with the crew of Engine No 604 on the Central Pemian Railway, the world's righest, steepest and most twistcolstandard-gauge line, running from Callao on the Pacific to the andcan town of Huancayo. but worse was to come.

! had to see the highest stretch of track in the world, on a loop above Galera, but it was at sed, "We'll have to hike it." wid Gonzalo Santibanez, an inspector with Enafer, the state relivay. "Following the track relies too long. We'll take the di-rect route." Scrambling up the rocky slope, soroche hit me. It as like being drunk: I lost bal-ance and fell several times. Alhough half a mile, it took us it iff an hour to reach the stretch .... That's 34ft higher than



a goods train serving the Andes' gold, silver, copper and lead mines. Peru's President, Alberto Fujimori, closed the line. to passenger traffic in 1991. partly because of competition from a new road, but mainly be-cause the line was attacked by Shining Path guerrillas. About 20 crewmen were killed in attacksbetween 1980 and 1992.

The passenger service may resume next year, now that the guerrillas have largely been crushed. If it does, the train will carry a nurse, as it used to, with

by American contractors in the 1870s, Peru's railways have a strong British connection. After construction was halted by is truck marked by a sign say- the 1879-83 War of the Pacific. when Chile defeated Peru and the world, 4,818 metres, 15,806 Bolivia, Peru was nearly bankdeal. British holders of Peruvian bonds were granted control of colvery. I had hitched a lift on Peruvian railways in return for calling his father's work on

pledge to continue construction. This corporation ran the system until 1972, when Peru nationalised its railways and set up

But the British legacy re-mains: Enafer executives trained in Crewe and Derby and older drivers recall working with visiting British mechanics and sound uncannily like their British Rail counterparts when they discuss working condi-tions. "Bring back the British, that's what I say," said driver Pe-dro Vargas, who hauled me and wagons of fuel and scrap oxygen for passengers. and wagons of fuel and scrap Although they were started metal up the Andes before returning with copper ingots and lead. "Things have gone down

Some Peruvians credit Robert Stephenson, who helped his father George build the Rocket, with the idea of conrupt. In a debt-for-investment structing a railway across the

overcoming gradients, may have had the idea of linking the mines to the ocean when he was in the Andes in the early 19th

At its peak in the Seventies the passenger service used to run 214 miles from the Pacific port of Callao, through Lima, past Galera, past the foundries of Oroya and on to Huancayo. I boarded at Chosica, about 30 miles east of Lima, where the

goods trains assemble and leave in convoy at dawn. With a single track, there is no way to pass on the line. Trains go up in convoy, load at the mines, turn round and come back at night. At 3am, after sharing a stew with crewmen around a campfire by the tracks, I pulled out in the cab of Engine No 704, a been blown 500ft down an abyss Brazilian-made Villares, with driver Vargas, co-driver Lisandro Jimeno and Gonzalo the inspector. There were few people up as we chugged through vil-lages in what was at first a grad-

ual slope. But Lisandro's constant horn-honking, essential since the train endlessly crisscrosses a main road without level crossings or barricades, must have awakened a few. The train rarely gets above 15mph, but it still needs about 50 yards to stop and collisions are common.

Sitting 20ft up in the cab of Engine No 704 and trundling on to the steel Challape Bridge over an unfathomable ravine was unforgettable. All you see ahead are the rails and sleepers, like a piece of toy train track slung across an open space

with nothing on either side. Pedro helpfully pointed out that Shining Path had blown up several such bridges in the past in 1988, killing the driver and an inspector. "They used to try to blow up a train almost every day," said Gonzalo. "They thought they were on the point of victory but El Chinito [the Little Chinaman, the nickname of President Fujimori because

of his Japanese origin has brought back law and order." Looking down on villages we had passed, hundreds of feet down an often sheer mountainside from the single railway track, it seemed as if we had taken off on an aircraft. Every time we huffed and puffed to the top of what looked an unassailable summit, another, more imposing peak loomed.

So steep is the slope from Tamboraque to the summit at Galera, a 6,000ft climb over only 30 miles of track, that the line relies on a series of what the Peruvians call zigzags. When the slope is too steep for curves, the train goes as far as it can to a dead-end. Points are changed and it reverses on to a separate stretch, always going uphill. Another points change and it's

forward and upward again. There are 22 zigzags on the Huancayo route, some of them going through tunnels. There is something disconcerting about going through a tunnel uphili backwards on a narrow mountain ledge at 13,000ft. My two most overpowering impres-sions? First, that the Andes seem to stretch on for ever. higher and higher. Second, that man got up there, by foot and by mule, to conquer them with two narrow strips of iron. This is the latest in our summer

# to pull the plug on Berlusconi

ANDREW GUMBEL

Yesterday should have been the day the lights went out at one of Silvio Berlusconi's three private television stations.

That was the deadline set al-

most two years ago by Italy's Constitutional Court to try to limit his monopoly on the private broadcasting sector. That was also the promise made by the centre-left parties when they won last April's elections. So the fact that Mr Berlus-

coni's networks stay unchanged this morning is an embarrassment to the Government.

The fact that the Cabinet was forced to rush through a decree law, extending the Constitu-tional Court deadline, only underlines the difficulty Prime Minister Romano Prodi and his team have had in coming to grips with the basic problems facing the country in their first 100 days in office.

Real change is proving hard to promote as the patchwork of parties supporting his Govern-ment have resorted to old-fashioned in-fighting and power play. The next few months will present Mr Prodi with a series of headaches that will make or break his Government.

Top of the agenda is a rigorous 1997 budget, which the Government must push through if Italy is to have a chance of meeting the Maastricht criteria on European Monetary Union by the end of

Mr Prodi wants to slash 32 trillion lire from an and a half per cent of GDP not yet at the three per cent what promises to level required by Maastricht, but tested autumn.

getting there. The prospect of such drastic surgery is already extracting winces of pain from industry, and protests from the hard-left Rifondazione Cumu-nista party, on which Mr Prodi depends for his majority.

To be convincing, the budget will have to entail swingeing cuts to health and pensions, where there is little fat left to cut.

Even Mr Prodi's deputy, Walter Veltroni, has wondered aloud whether the sacrifices required for Maastricht are worth it and whether the goals and timetable for monetary union should not be revised.

about Italy's prospects in Europe is generating fears of social unrest and - more immediately - political upheaval. Already the separatist Northern League is putting flesh on the bones of its demands for secession by suggesting that the affluent northern third of Italy adopt the Euro while the rest pay the price for the counand stick with the lira.

Rifondazione Comunista, meanwhile, is playing an un-nerving game of brinkmanship by threatening to withdraw support on a series of issues including the budget, while the centre's more restive elements are whispering about breaking away in search of new political partners on the centre-right.

The chances are that Mr Prodi's Government will survive, if only because the present alternative. But the television issue, now hanging awkwardly already strapped budget to over the Government as pring the deficit down to four deputies return from their holidays, does not bode well for what promises to be a hotly-con-

## France goes for EMU

commitment to the single France's ability to meet the of its diplomacy, writes Mary

All French embassies have been instructed to spread the. message — less than a month after the franc was unsettled by speculation about a rift

between President Jacques

Chirac and the Bank of France

over the level of French

It seems a move designed to

Paris - France is to make its calm fears in Germany about Foreign Minister, Hervé de Charette, told senior French diplomats yesterday that the single currency was "Europe's true federal project". The timetable would be respected. But with unemployment remaining high, and economic growth projections being revised downwards, many doubt the single currency at the start.

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Unusual Gifts

Hong Kong One of the senior leaders of Cambodia's genocidal Khmer Rouge government has con-firmed he has established a hanouk, and the powerful sec-ond Prime Minister Hun Sen, movement to rival the Khmer Rouge guerrillas led by Pol Pot. A statement written by leng seem determined to bring leng Sary also confirms he intends to seek reconciliation with the Cambodian government which is split over his attempts to re-

Khmer Rouge

gain a legitimate political role. leng Sary says he has decided to break with "the dictatorial group" led by Pol Pot and claims that Cambodia "will be reduced to nothing if the Khmer [Cambodian] people continue to fight each other indefinitely".

Most of the international

media insists on describing Ieng Sary as "Brother No 2", or sec ond in command to Pol Pot, but as he pointed out in an interview with the Bangkok Post on Monday, this is "a gross mistake". He identified Brother No 2 as being Nuon Chea, the deputy secretary of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, who he said was responsible for the rounding up and killing of intellectuals and diplomats lured back to Cambodia during Khmer Rouge rule from 1975-78.

Authoritative independent sources confirm leng Sary was not the second in command but, as deputy prime minister, foreign minister and Pol Pot's brother-in-law, he was part of the inner circle which planned and executed the genocidal policies destroying around a fifth of Cambodia's population.

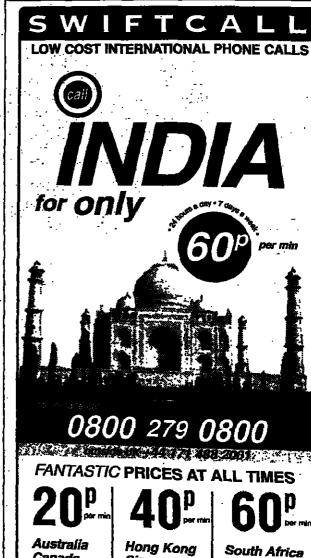
chief sets up splinter group It is for this reason that he was sentenced to death for genocide and that his political rehabilitation is strongly opposed by King Norodom Silvanouk. However the king's son, the first Prime Minister Ranaridh Si-



leng Sary: A member of Pol Pot's inner circle

integration of the Khmer Rouge and hope that leng Sary and his followers will bring support and resources to the beleaguered regime and help defeat the democratic opposition forces.

In his Bangkok Post interview leng Sary spoke of a secret committee, of which he was not part, that was responsible for the arrest, torture and execution of so-called enemies of the regime. The Khmer Rouge says Ieng Sary is little more than a common criminal, having embezzied up to \$25m (£16.5m) from the



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# international

#### SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

columns of Russian men and equipment trundled out of the shattered Chechen capital yesterday as Russian and Chechen commanders sat down for more talks on implementing the ceasefire deal.

with Grozny returning to a semblance of normality after some of the bloodiest fighting for more than a year, jubilant Russian soldiers cheered as they drove out of the city. "We are going home, back to Russia," one said. The truce is the achievement of Russian security chief Alexander Lebed, whose efforts to find a political settlement appear to have been frozen in Maccony. The rullout

ment appear to have been frozen in Moscow. The pullout, a ceasefire and joint Russian-Chechen military patrols in Grozny are key elements of the agreement. Rebel fighters are clearly in control of the city. Kiosks have opened up again and the range of goods on offer is rising. In one street, a woman said she was going to visit friends. "It seems like we can smell peace. People are already starting to visit each other," she said. Reuter - Grozny
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ran has asked Germany to arrest and extradite former President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, who testified at a Berlin trial that the Tehran regime organised the murders of opponeuts abroad, the federal justice ministry said. Mr Bani-Sadr, who lives outside Paris, is scheduled to give more testimony at the trial on 5 September. He testified last week that he was told by sources in Iran that Ayatollah Ali Khamenei signed an order to assassinate a Kurdish leader who was gunned down with the assassinate as a second to the se with three aides in a Berlin restaurant in 1992.

The extradition request cited charges of hijacking a plane, apparently a reference to Mr Bani-Sadr's 1981 flight to exile in France. German officials said there was little chance they would comply. In Tehran, however, foreign ministry officials denied that Iran had made an extradition request. Germany - AP

Two German men have been charged with child abuse in Thailand and distribution of child pornography, Berlin's justice department said. The two men, identified only as Thomas S, 33, and Dieter U, 43, were accused of forcing children aged between nine and 14 to have sex with each other and with adults, and of making videos and photographs. Mr S is accused of filming 12 children having sex while he visited Pattaya as a tourist in 1993, and then setting up a mailorder business offering child pornography from Pattaya with the help of Mr U. A change in German law in 1993 made it possible to prosecute Germans for abuse of children under 14, even if the crimes were committed abroad. AP Berlin

Five thousand Zimbabwean civil servants, sacked by the government for going on strike, marched in protest through the capital, Harare, yesterday to press their case for higher pay. The marchers – who included nurses, junior doctors, mortuary attendants and firelighters - were incensed that President Robert Mugabe had left the dispute unresolved for an official visit to Kenya. The Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions said it might call a general strike if the government failed to resolve the crisis by tomorrow. Reuter - Harare

A Florida man could face a mandatory 40-year jail term for stealing toilet paper, because of previous convictions. Henry Stepney, 32, who is bomeless, was found guilty of stealing 22 rolls of toilet paper in May from a municipal lorry that serves portaloos in the Miami area, Because he had been arrested. rested 50 times for crimes ranging from burglary and cocaine possession to assault, prosecutors determined he should be sentenced under a tough new law against repeat offenders. Under the law, a 40-year term would be mandatory for his latest theft. At a pre-sentencing hearing next month, a judge will rule on whether it should apply. Phil Davison - Miami

flared again yesterday, spurred by rumours that the government was about to fly out two planeloads of Africans. Several thousand people marched through Paris to support African immigrants demanding residence permits and an Air France union said it would try to prevent them from being expelled. The demonstrators, who were led by the Communist Party leader, Robert Hue, a dissident former bishop, Jacques Gallot, and leading human rights activists, chanted: "We all are children of immigrants." Reuter - Paris

Six Catholic missionaries being held by rebels in south-ern Sudan on charges of spying and spreading Islam were freed last night, an aid agency reported. The six, including three Australian nuns, have been held for almost two weeks. Church officials warned that they had had no confirmation and would have to wait until today to be sure. Reuter - Nairobi

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#### Polish beauty queen murdered



Agrieszka Kotlarska, Miss Poland 1991 who was fatally stabbed in the chest in front of her Warsaw home on Tuesday. Miss Kotlarska narrowly escaped death on 17 July on TWA flight 800 which crashed off New York when she cancelled her booking at the last minute. Police arrested the attacker, who 'claimed he had known her'. Photograph: AP



hero. Eliakim "Professor" Khumalo, 56, one of the country's football greats, was shot dead outside his home in Soweto on Tuesday during the theft of his car by four men.

Yesterday his son, Doctor Khumalo, a South African international who plays in the United States for the Columbus Crew, was flying home.

In Johannesburg there were 8,500 car hijacks in the past year. Drivers are usually forced from the road by attackers or ambushed in their driveways and outside their homes. Eliakim Khumalo was not the first to have been murdered in such an

Khumalo, whose skill and intelligence earned him the nickname "The Pro" in the Sixties and Seventies, is believed to have been shot in the back by the men who stole his Volkswagen Jetta.

The former Moroka Swallows and Kaizer Chiefs star died



Doctor Khumaio: Followed in his father's steps

soon afterwards in hospital. A woman caught driving the car in the city centre was being questioned by police last night. Clarence Mlokoti, director of

Kaizer Chiefs, for whom father and son both played, said yesterday that he was devastated by the death of "a perfect gentle-man who would not hurt a fly". The club had been planning to honour him later this year.

In his time the Pro was regarded as one of the best fullbacks in the country. When he died. Khumalo was head of

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David Chabeli, the Moroka murder highlighted the urgent need for the government to act

commissioner, Victor Nolutshungu, condemned the murder as senseless and appealed to the community to join hands with

the police in fighting crime.

But the public is growing increasingly frustrated with the authorities inability to bring crime under control.

its anger crupted recently in Cape Town when a vigilante group publicly killed a local drug baron. Rashaad Staggie, leader of a gang called the Hard Livings, by shooting and setting fire

It followed a shoot-out between the anti-drugs group and the gangsters which left 18 peo-ple wounded.

While police claim some success in cutting crime, violent crime shows no sign of abating. Johannesburg's murder rate remains the highest in the world

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# **Abraham Games**

Abram Games was one of this years, he never appeared to be tempting a standing jump over Fight for it now" campaign century's most inventive graph- comfortable with the confourchairs when his boss caught produced for the Army Bureau ic designers. Throughout a re-markable career spanning over wards the end of his life he could him in mid air: "I went flying and my job went flying too!" markable career spanning over 60 years Games produced numerous posters as well as stamps, book jackets, and symbols including those for the Festival of Britain (1951), BBC Television (1952) and the Queen's Award to Industry

Many of his most enduring images were created when he worked as Official War Poster Designer, designing almost 100 posters during the Second

Games' rather austere, almost puritanical demeanour belied a wry sense of humour. His gaunt, bird-like appearance somehow seemed appropriate to a designer whose work was essentially about paring down the message to its simplest and most powerful form. His objective was to achieve a visual shorthand, and to this end he adhered to a modernist design philosophy which he neatly summed up in the phrase "maximum meaning, minimum

retrospect, apart from the war fooling around - he was at-

still produce school reports, from the 1920s, which illustrated how difficult he found it to function within institutions. In one report of 1929 he was described as "lazy, indifferent, careless, untidy", and most astonishing-

When Games persuaded his parents to allow him to leave the Grocers' Company School, Hackney the headmaster brutally told him: "To be an artist you need talent and you haven't got it". An attempt to continue his art education at St Martin's School of Art, in London (1930), proved to be another frustrating and unrewarding experience. After two terms Games abandoned his formal art education. He continued life sses in the evening and spent his lunchtimes drawing at the National Gallery and making anatomical studies at the Roy-al College of Surgeons.

In 1936 he won first prize in a poster competition to promote ducing graphic designs from the studio at his family home in Golders Green. London London County Council eve-Golders Green, London. In Young after he was caught

and my job went flying too!" trated his efforts on promoting his solo design career. Copies of the journal An & Industry (1937), featuring some of his early poster designs, were sent to studios in London. Gradually

commissions for posters came from prestigious clients like London Transport, the GPO and Shell. The renowned design director of Shell, Jack Beddington, was later to prove influential in Games' appointment at the War Office. This was a golden age of poster design and Games acknowledged the influence of great French posterists like A. M. Cassandre, Jean Carlu, Paul Colin, and in Britain, Edward McKnight Kauffer. His own distinctive visual language emerged strong-ly in the instructional and educational posters he produced during the war. A skilled airbrush practi-

tioner, Games usually preferred to produce his graphic images by hand rather than to rely upon photography. As his father was a photographer Games was familiar with dark-room techniques and occasionally combined photography with hand-drawn elements. In "He Talked...-They Died" (1943), part of the "Careless Talk" campaign, he incorporated a photograph of a soldier's body photograph of a soldier's body ensuared face-down in barbed wire. The horror attached to this record of a death was infused with real pathos.

A number of Games' war posters excited fierce responses, most notably from the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, and the Labour Minister. Ernest Bevin. His early recruitment poster for the ATS the women's army - was not reprinted after its "suitability" was questioned in parliament. This poster, which portrayed a glamorous woman soldier in uniform (the "blonde bombshell"), helped to redefine perceptions of the ATS, and at the same time challenged those who were defending traditional views of the feminine.

Even greater controversy was generated by Games' contribution to the "Your Britain . . .

produced for the Army Bureau of Current Affairs (1942). In a powerful set of three posters the socialist Games chose to acknowledge the darker side of social inequality in Britain and presented examples of modern architecture – a school, a block of flats, a health centre - signifying a brighter future for post-war Britain.

By juxtaposing these images with grim reminders of the squalid conditions on the Home Front he infuriated some of the war cabinet. Ernest Bevin was responsible for the removal of the poster from an Artists' International Association exhibition and Churchill ordered its destruction. The poster was an unwekome reminder, particularly to Conservative politicians, of the heavy burden of popular expectation likely to emerge after the war.

Games' rich array of concise and effective wartime images cajoled soldiers about personal cleanliness, warned against careless talk and horse-play with weapons, persuaded civil-ians to give blood, grow their own food, and even knit socks. The poster which Games

claimed he would most like to be remembered for is the chilling "Your Talk May Kill Your Comrades" (1942). This poster's message is illustrated in a shockingly literal manner. A spiralling form radiates from a soldier's mouth to signify the circulation of careless gossip. This symbol for language turns into a surreal blood-red bayonet which penetrates three contorted bodies. The link be-tween the soldier's talk and its deadly effect is made crystal

Games' special position at the War Office meant that he was among the first to see the horrific pictorial evidence of Nazi brutality in the concentration camps. These images would haunt him for the rest of his life. As a graphic designer he was deeply conscious of the Nazis' exploitation of all forms of design for their own obscene eards. This harrowing revelation sharpened Games awareness of the responsibility of the graphic designer to present the truth according to his conscience and religious and political beliefs.

As a Jew, Games had worked for the Jewish Relief Unit. After the war he worked tirelessly for many Jewish and Israeli organisations. His poster "Give Clothing for Liberated Jewry" (1946) - based upon an image of a starving adult in Belsen is a haunting reminder of the period.

Games was demobbed in 1946 and resumed his freelance practice. Soon he was working on a number of distinguished campaigns - The Fi-nancial Times, Buitsh European Airways, Guinness and the island of Jersey. In 1948 he won a competition limited to 12 leading designers which result-ed in the ubiquitous Britannia and the cardinal points emblem of the Festival of Britain. There were very few households in 1950s Britain which did not possess a Festival souvenir dis-

playing this symbol.
In addition to graphic design
Games had a passion for inventing and was proud of his large number of product patents. During the 1950s he invented a copying process which attracted the interest of the large electronic companies. His most famous invention is the Cona Coffee New Table Model (1959) which is now a much sought-after design classic.

Games international stature was confirmed in 1958 by the award of an OBE, followed in 1959 by his appointment as Royal Designer for Industry (RDI). Influential as a teacher at the Royal College of Art (1946-53), his meticulous working methods are outlined in Over My Shoulder, a book he produced in 1960.

His skill with letterforms was well demonstrated in the logo-type and corporate identity he produced for GKN (1968). This outstanding logotype has stood the test of time and is still in use

In contrast to his posters Games demonstrated his ability to work on a miniature scale with a set of tourist stamps for Jersey, which won first prize in an international philatelic competition in Italy (1976).

Although latterly detached from the trends of current design practice, Games continued to work productively throughout his final years for a range



tices. Games' singular dedica-tion underpinned the strong

moral and political integrity

Bulland Al-Haidari

achievement was recognised by his peers in 1991 when he received the Designers and Art from other leading contempo-Directors Association Presi-raries like F.H.K. Henrion and dent's Award.

Games' long career paral-leled the development of the professional practice of graphic design with its move away from the independent com-

and oil - and wrote two books

on art, one on art criticism, Time

for Every Time (1981) and the

other on contemporary artists

(1993).
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tinctive and memorable within the graphic design of this Alan and

Isabella Livingston

Abram Games, graphic designer, born Whitechapel, London 29 July 1914; OBE 1958; RDI 1959; married 1945 Marianne Salfeld (died 1988; one son, two daughters); died London 27 August 1996.

forced to leave again in 1980 for

London following Saddam Hus-

government and the beginning

Five years later Al-Haidari published his ninth collection,

My Greetings to Beirut. For the

last ten years he wrote little po-

etry, but earned his living writ-

ing for London-based Saudi

publications. He also spent his

time reciting his poems or

charming visitors to the exhibi-

tions of his wife, Dallal al-

Mufti, a distinguished sculptor

in her own right. He was active

in political events as a founder

member and vice-president of

the Union of Iraqi Democrats,

opposing Iraq's dictator Saddam

Hussein.
Surprisingly the closing verses of Bulland Al-Haidari's last

poem, which anticipated - al-

most invited - death, ended on

a hopeful resonance for a

of a new dawn of terror.

#### **Erskine Childers**

to a heart attack during the Arab relations. 50th anniversary congress of the World Federation of Unit- lecturer and broadcaster, ed Nations Associations, of Childers joined the UN Secrewhich he was Secretary-General. It is perhaps fitting for so totally dedicated a man that and by the time he retired in he died giving all of his energy and ingenuity to an international organisation that he the UN system in all the regions was trying desperately to

Childers was a most unusual person by any count. His great grandfather, Robert Childers, was a distinguished Victorian oriental scholar. His grandfa-ther, Erskine, wrote the classic international thriller The Riddle of the Sands. He also fought as a trooper in the South African war and served in the First World War in the naval air service and the Royal Air Force, among other things do-ing much of the original aerial mapping of Palestine. After the war he returned to Ireland and joined the Republicans when they took up arms. He was executed for treason by the British in 1922 after being tried for having an automatic pistol without the proper authority. His son, also Erskine, much later on became president of Ireland.

The third Erskine Childers, not surprisingly with such a dramatic family history, grew up with an innate distrust of great powers and of established au-thority. He was passionately interested in the endless quest for justice, equity and fairness in international affairs. His championing of the Palestinian

tariat in 1967. His special field was economic development. 1989, he had worked with virtually all of the organisations of of the world. His last UN position was Senior Adviser to the UN Director for Development and International Economic Cooperation.

together in 1989 after he had reviewed my memoirs and echoed a remark of mine deploring the slipshod way in which governments and especially permanent members of the Security Council, select the Secretary-General of the UN. We both felt that this question deserved more attention than it had received, and we worked together on a short book, A World in Need of Leadership: tomorrow's United Nations, which was pub-lished by the Dag Ham-marskiold Foundation and the Ford Foundation in 1990. This subject is once again very much in the news, and it is sad that a new edition of this book, with a number of fresh ideas from Childers, will be published this

very week, on 30 August. Our leadership study received an encouraging reception in 1990, and over the intervening years we produced three more works on UN reform - on reorganising the secretariat, on strengthening international response to humanitarian emercause resulted in his first book, Common Sense about the Arab Borld (1960), which he followed up in 1962 with The ination, his vast fund of knowl-

Erskine Childers succumbed Road to Suez a study in Western- edge and experience, his pow- pay its full dues to the world orers of analysis and his enormous ganisation. Starting his career as a writer, capacity for hard intellectual work. He never tired of his subject or lost his youthful zeal for pursuing it, and the best ideas

in our joint works were almost always his. He was a wonderful person to work with. His enthusiasm was constantly boosted by his passionate convictions, his loathing of anything that smacked of bullying or conde-scension, and his indignation at the current fashion to denigrate Erskine Childers and I came and downgrade international or-

ganisations, especially in the United States. Childers knew as well as anyone how much these organisations needed improvement and strengthening - in fact he had devoted his later years to this cause - but he was outraged at the ignorance, prejudice, xenophobia and perty malice of much of the current onslaught on the UN. His indignation was intensified by the perennial failure of the United States to



Childens: a champion of the oppressed and the less fortunate

His biting humour and hi strong opinions were splendidly stimulating to those he worked with. There is no doubt however that, in the cautious world of the UN secretariat, they also diminished his prospects of advancement. More than one effort to put him in a post which would have given full scope to his great talents was effectively blocked by mumbling and unspecific reservations. I don't think Erskine Childers cared all that much. He was more interested in getting it right and keeping his princi-

ples undiluted. He was, by nature and by inheritance, a champion of the oppressed and the less fortunate. He stood up for the developing countries and their peoples. He fought for their place on the international scene and for the programmes and activities that would help them attain it. To his last day he was indefatigable in writing researching and ad-dressing meetings all over the world on this subject.

Childers was also an outspoken champion of the United Nations and its mission. In Re-newing the United Nations Sys-tem he wrote, "The only hope of effectively dealing with the world's major problems in the interest of all humankind is through the progressive devel-opment of a working world community". That is what Erskine Childers devoted his life

Brian Urqubart

Erskine Childers, international civil servant and activist: born March 1929; twice married; died Luxembourg 25 August 1996.

When the poet Bulland Al-Haidari died, copies of his lat- in 1926 in Baghdad to an arismology, *i ne in* Exile, sat unwrapped by the side of his sick-bed; it was published as he was admitted to the Royal Brompton Hospital in West London.

Like many of his fellow Iraqi men and women of letters, Al-Haidari lived the greater slice of his mature years in exile, lamenting the fate of his nation, which was portrayed in a sad, cold picture in the opening verse of his latest collection: Step by step, We marched together, My country, the horror of the lean

Toward the exiles.

The tone of sadness, exas-

bic literary scholars.

Yair Rosenbloom, songwriter the "Song of Peace", which tion in November last year, and composer, died Tel Aviv 27 was sung by Yitzhak Rabin One of Israel's most popular August, aged 52. Composer of moments before his assassina-composers, he wrote more than

Bulland Al-Haidari was born ther was an army officer, and the family moved several times between the capital and the Kurdish towns of Arbil and Sulyimania, where young Bulland spent part of his school years. In the early 1940s he was

(1993).

attracted to left-wing political groups in a country which, even under the monarchy - overthrown by the military in 1958

- did not tolerate opposition of any kind, especially from poets and artists. He was himself a talented artist - in water-colour

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peration and a trace of nibilism echoed, as many critics of Arabic letters noted, his earlier verse, reflecting a deep sense of the poet as victim of a cruel and unjust world ruled by dictators and tyrants. These sentiments appeared in more meagre dos-es even in his first published collection, Whisked Mud, in 1946.

Songs of a Dead City (1952) was widely acclaimed in Cairo, Al-Haidari was recognised as where he was welcomed by the then giants of modern Arabic one of three poets who founded modern Arabic poetry, literature like Youssef Idriss, which was arguably invented by the Iraqi poetess Nazik Al-Malaeka in the 1940s when she Salah Abd-Elsabour and Naguib Mahfouz. Twenty years later his seventh anthology, A destroyed the rigid structure of Dialogue across the Three Di-Albeit al-Amoudi that had remensions, was to establish him mained unchanged over 2,000 at the pinnacle of his craft and, in the view the respected Egyptian critic Ahmad Abbas Saleh, vears. The new freer (or unrestrained) style of structure and "the instigator of the modern form generated an intense debate and changed the yardstick of literary criticism among Arahis choice of subject in his poems and the treatment of

Al-Haldari: saw the poet as victim

of a cruel and unjust world

such issues fitted the new freer

As a Kurd, Arabic was not Al-Haidari's mother tongue and he wrote in Kurdish in the early years, he also had no higher education, but he excelled in Arabic. As a poet he became a true intellectual in the Sartreian sense of the word. He established a trend in symbolism that has been emulated by many Arab poets to bypass the heavy cenship in that part of the world.

Where he lost his dreams

Following wide human rights - And his skies, abuse after the take-over by the O' how sweet to be re-incarnated as murderous Al-Baath party in 1963, Al-Haidari left Iraq to his first exile in Beirut, where he edited the prestigious Lebanese Knowledge Journal and soon became the darling of the city's literary salons. He was awarded the prestigious Lebanese Writers Union award in 1973. 1967, however, to a low-key life in Iraq, from where he was

To the one rotting in jail:

peaceful future.

Dreams that help us forget,

the resentment awaiting between the bow and the arrow

Adel Darwish

Bulland Al-Haidari, poet, artist, critic and political activist; born The savage Lebanese civil war forced him to flee Beirut in married 1953 Dallal al-Musti (one son); died London 6 August 1996.

> 1,000 songs. Presided over the Israeli army's entertainment troupes in the 1960s and 1970s.

## Births, Marriages & Deaths

DEATHS

HEATON: The Rev Dr Eric William, peacefully in hospital in Oxford on 24 August 1990, aged 75 years. The functial service will take place on Monday 2 September at 2-30pm, in Christ Church Cathedral, followed by interment. No flowers, Donations preferred please for Save the Children Fund c/o Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford OX1 4TE, (Parking in the Meadow.)

ements for Gazette BIRTHS. MARRIAGES & DEATHS should be sent in writing to the Gazette Editor, The Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E145DL, telecanny want, account (24-hour answering machine 9171-293 2012) or faxed to 0171-293 2010, and are charged

#### Forthcoming marriages

Major N. J. Cusack RM

The engagement is announced between Major Nicholas Cusack, Royal Marines, youngest son of the late Surgeon Commander J. Cusack, Royal Navy, and of Mrs J. Cusack, and Melanie, eidest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Cole, of Perth, Westcro Australia.

#### Birthdays

Lord Attenborough, actor, produc-er and director, 73: Professor Laing Barden, Vice-Chancellor, University ty of Northumbria at Newcastle, 65; Sir Julius Chan, former prime minister, Papua New Guinea, 57; Mr Robert Cormack, former ambassador to Sweden, 61; Dame Mary Donaldson, former, and first woman Lord Mayor of London, 75; Sir Nigel Foulkes, former chairman, Civil Aviation Anthonity, 77; Mr El-Civil Aviation Authority, 77; Mr El-liott Gould, actor, 58; Mr Thom Richard Rush, lawyer and statesman,

Gunn, poet, 67; Mr Lenny Henry, co-median, 38; Mr Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the BBC, 73; Miss Anchairman of the BBC, 73; Miss Angela Huth, writer, 58; Mr Michael Jackson, singer, 38; Lord King of Wartnaby, president of British Airways, 78; Mr John Mackenzie of Mornish, Chairman, SEET ptc, 71; Mr Antony Newton MP, Lord President of the Council 59 Mr Dennish dent of the Council, 59; Mr Denniss Pinn, former chairman, Alcan Aluminium, 82: Mr Norman Platt, former arristic director and founder of Keni Opera, 76; Mr Greg Pope MP, 36; Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman, N.M. Rothschild & Sons, 65; Mr Dick Spring, Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs, 46.

#### Anniversaries

Births: Jean-Baptiste Colbert, states man and founder of the French Navy, 1619; John Locke, philosopher, 1632; Raphael Georg Kiesewetter, Edler von Wiesenbrunn, historian of music, 1773; Jean-Auguste1780; Oliver Wendell Holmes, physician and writer, 1809; John Leech, caricaturist and illustrator, 1817; Maurice-Polydore Marie-Bernard Maeterlinck, poet and playwright, 1862; Richard Gardner Casey, first Baron Casey, statesman, 1890; Jack (Weldon Leo) Teagarden, jazz musician, vocalist and bandleader, 1905; Jack Raman Ingrid Bergman, actress, 1915. Deaths: Alessio Baldovinetti, painter. 1499; Lajos II, King of Hungary, 1526; John Fletcher, playwright, 1625; John Lilburne, pamphleteer and reformer, leader of the "Levellers", 1657; Louis Couperin, com-poser, 1661; Edmond Hoyle, writer on card-playing, 1769; Joseph Wright (of Derby), painter, 1797; William Brockedon, painter, author and in-ventor, 1854; Christian Friedrich Schönbein, chemist, 1868; Félicien-César David, composer, 1876; Brigham Young, Mormon leader, 1877; Arthur Melville, painter, 1904; The Rev William Archibald Spooner, perpetrator of "Spoonerisms", 1930; Astrid, Queen Consort of the Belgians, in a road accident, 1935;

Boris III, Tsar of Bulgaria, 1943; Cesare Pavese, novelist and transla-tor, 1950; Vicki (Hedwig) Baum, nov-elist, 1960; Hazza El-Majali, prime minister of Jordan, assassinated 1960; Eamon de Valera, statesman, 1975; Ingrid Bergman, actress, 1982; Lee Marvin, actor, 1987; Mary Pearson Norton, children's author (of The Barrowers), 1992. On this days the Spanish fleet was defeated by Edward III at Winchelsea, 1350; HMS Ropal George sank off Snithead while at anchor, with the loss of over 900 lives, 1782; Michael Faraday discovered the induction of electric currents, 1831; the Factory Act, regulating the em-ployment of children, was passed, 1833; the city of Melbourne, Aus tralia, was founded, 1835; the Treaty of Nanking was signed, ending the Anglo-Chinese war, and agreeing the lease of the Hong Kong terrisories to Britain, 1842; the British army defeated the Boers at Boumplatz, 1848; Royalist troops defeated and cap-tured Garibaldi at the Battle of Aspromonte, 1862; the second Battle of Bull Run (American Civil War) start-

ed, 1862; the Sporing Times published an "obturary" for English cricket, and first mentioned "the Ashes", 1882; the Rugby League (originally "Northern Union"), was formed from 21 clubs in the North of England, 1895; the IIIrd Olympic Games opened at St Louis, Missouri, United States, 1904; the Graf Zeppelin completed its tour of the world, 1929; Simeon II became Bar of Bulgaria under a Council of Regency, 1943; the Soviet Union exploded a hydrogen bomb, 1953. Today is the Feast Day of St Edwold of Cerne, St Medericus or Merry, St Sabina of Rome and the Beheading of John the

#### Lectures

Tate Gallery: Jennifer Gordon, "Redefining Scalpture: the work of Andre and Artschwager", 1pm. British Museum Anne Farrer, "20th-century Chinese Painting: the Shanghai school", L.15pm. National Gallery: Richard Stemp, "Assumptions (v): Giovanni del

Ponte, The Ascension of Saint John the Evangelist, with Saints", 1pm.

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The Very Rev Eric Evans There will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life and work of the late Very Rev Eric Evans KCVO, Dehn of St

Paul's, in St Paul's Cathedral on Monday 30 September 1996 at 5pm. If you wish to attend, application for tickets should be made by Friday 6 September, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, to Miss Penny Bewes, Events Co-ordinator, The Chapter House, St Panl's Cathedral, London EC4M 8AD. Telephone 0171-246 8318 or 0171-246 8304.

#### British Safety Council

Mr Ted Quigley, Member of the Board of Governors, British Safety Council, hosted a reception yesterday evening at the Armourers' Hall, London EC2, to award Diplomas in Safety Management. Mr Tim Hooper and Mr Alan Smith also

Appointments Mr David Anderson, to be a mem-ber of the United Nations Law of the Sea Tribunal

Mr John Joseph Patrick Powell, to be a full-time Social Security and Child Support Commissioner. Mr John Deacon Riley to be a fulltime chairman of Social Security Appeal Tribunals, Medical Appeal Tribunals, Disability Appeal Tri-

Mr Phillip Roy Mackenzie, to be a district judge, on the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

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Offord Circuit.

Mrs Anne Maire, Mrs Ann Moore,
Mr Alan Mays-Sadth, Colonel David
Stevens, and Mr David Waddington. to be Deputy Lieutenants for the County of East Sussex.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regi-ment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Harse Guards, 11am:

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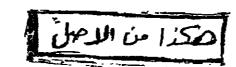
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# the leader page Child care needs a braver strategy than this

Thenever you hear a Tory govsomewhere for them to go safely dur-ing the day is an expensive headache. Yet the aggregate level of women's ernment minister use the phrase "national strategy" you know one of two things. Either the Conservative Party has converted to collectivism, which is unlikely, or an election is not far off and ministers are out and about doing things. Like unveil-

working parents with children. Child care is an arena where government should tread lightly. In it men and women are exploring new roles; surveys capture the continuing ambiguity of many women about leaving children to go out to work and the pressure of household finance which makes it necessary. Thus child care is where many of the dramas of domestic life are played out; also where the often selfish and uncaring face of corporate Britain shows most harshly. Better child care ought to mean more and better work opportunities for women and it is a political puzzle that women

ing green papers on child care. Yes-

terday's effort is a poor thing, strong on

exhortation but weak on imaginative

understanding of the burden borne by

ing to opinion pollsters on the issue. Britain fares badly in most league tables on pre-school care and education outside the home. Surveys and anecdotal evidence confirm that, for many parents of young children, providing

employees with young children should

be as complacent as they appear to be

when it comes to voting and respond-

employment has been rising - women are now 45 per cent of the workforce. Some 80 per cent of the projected increase in the workforce over the next decade will be female. Although, compared with some other countries, a smaller percentage of single mothers work in Britain, it would be crass to say that the absence of child care has been a barrier to women entering work.

But of course that is only a part of the story. What is not so easily captured by the figures is what child-care difficulties do to women's careers, the way it forces mothers into part-time jobs, smothers ambition and sacrifices talent. Many women with small children lead Stakhanovite lives, diminishing their own well-being, and (there is some evi-dence here) jeopardising their marriages. For employers this is not just a "social cost" or, as the jargon has it, an externality. Under-performing mothers cost us all. The more productive employees, the better-off we all are. The more contented parents are, the better parents they are, and that too benefits us all.

The Government's response to that tale is a kind of hand-wringing handsoff. "I don't believe in a nanny state", said employment minister Cheryl Gillan yesterday, borrowing from page one of the Thatcherite book of apho-



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risms. But why then this green paper and vague promises of further action? The answer - while unseen by writers of economics textbooks and Tories of John Redwood's hue - is that employers won't play ball. To most of them how employees provide for their children is a private matter, a cost which must not be visited even proportionately on the firm. So, across a wide swathe of small and medium-sized British business employers do nothing to help working women and often fail as a result to get the best out of them. The take-up of the Government's tax incentives for workplace child care

has been poor. Government needs to act to try and fend off a national own-

The Department for Education and Employment wants suggestions as to how. It needs to be told three things. One, there is no free hunch. More childcare places depend upon government's pump-prinning. Tax relief may be less painless than public spending but has the same budgetary effect. Even the most hide-bound Treasury economic adviser can surely see that, over a relatively short period, government spending that boosts the productivity of the workforce and increases the numbers

will be matched by increased tax

Second, the priority group must be those families - often single-mother-led - moving from dependence on benefits into work. Recent evidence emphasises how crucial for them is access to child care that is not just affordable but the cost of which does not deepen the "poverty trap". Solutions are possible - perhaps some add-on to Family Credit - but they will require the closest co-operation inside Whitehall between DFEE and the Department of

Social Security, let alone the Treasury. But third, the Government has surely learnt from its abortive nursery vouchers scheme you cannot just wind up parents and expect safe and reliable child care to appear magically. The private sector alone will not produce the places - at least at prices affordable by parents in part-time and lower-paid

employment. The voluntary sector, likewise, can only do so much. The Government, so antagonistic in the past to local authorities, has to see that there will be a variety of local solutions. If certain local authorities wish to provide subsidised places that act of local choice should not be censured but encouraged council places will appeal to some parents, but not to others.

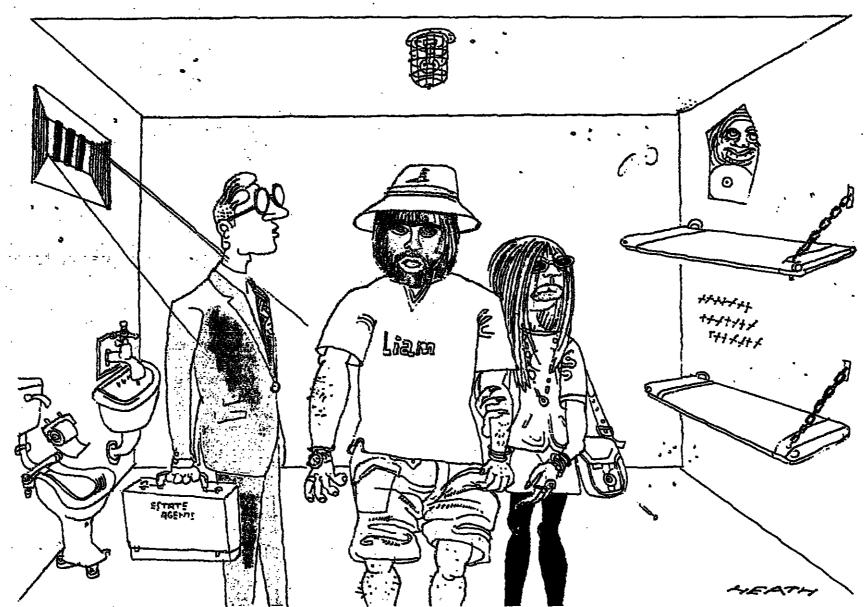
In this sense the very opposite of a "national strategy" is needed. Child

available for productive employment care is best provided under a diversity of local strategies. There is, however, a case for a national strategy, except it needs to be much bigger and more radical than the present government seems willing to contemplate. This would involve rigorously reviewing the whole income tax and social security systems for their impact on parents and children, marriage and partnership, in order to make them fairer to those involved in bringing up society's next generation.

#### Past symbol of rural oppression

The political history of the hedge is mixed. As symbols of the countryside they once stood for oppression. The idea that they are part of our heritage would have infuriated the 19th-century countryman Richard Cobbett. In his day hedges stood for the triumph of the enclosure movement, which drove cottager's livestock off the commons. Now conservationists see hedges as endangered habitats and the Government is tighten the rules on cutting them down. So is the hedge left or right, green or black? Reactionary opponents of the Great Reform Bill of 1832 were nicknamed "hedgers and ditchers" - they said they would fight democracy even with their backs against the last hedge.

#### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -



"It'll need some work on it. The previous tenants left in a hurry."

#### Law favours motorists far too much

Sir: Every minute of every day, motorists cause massive obstruction of pedestrians and cyclists, to the extent that children are not allowed to walk the streets and most people consider cycling ao bazardous.

What are the police doing about this infringement of people's rights? Well, this weekend in Brighton, supporters of Reclaim The Streets attempted to redress the balance a little, making a few streets more pedestrian- and cyclist-friendly for a few hours, and the police reacted by arrest them ("Significant Shorts", 26 August). The previous Saturday an extremely pedestrian-unfriendly crossroads near here was liberated from motorist inconsiderateness for three hours, and likewise the police were unsupportive, and added their bit to noise nuisance, air pollution and global warming by filming the liberators from a helicopter for two hours.

It is becoming clear to very large numbers of people that throughout the land the police are becoming part of the problem rather than part of the solution, working for the roads lobby rather than for the electorate. I call for the dismissal of those responsible for these misappropriations of taxpayers' money and their replacement by democratically and environmentally conscious

authorities. The whole point of government should be to supply that which the self-interested market cannot, not to exacerbate its effects. ROBIN P M CLARKE Moseley, Birmingham

Sir. As a serving police officer, I would like to point out to Bryan Murphy (letter 27 August) and to your readers that what the protesters in Brighton were doing was an offence: obstructing the highway. That places the people protesting outside the law and liable to arrest. I was not there and cannot comment on how the injuries were caused, but no doubt resisting arrest was a contributory

factor. No matter how much we may disagree with a particular policy or law, no matter how frustrated we labout lack of progress towards the resolution of our grievance, no one should break the law. Politicians are there to change

Constable DALLAN SPENCER Blackpool, Lancashire

Sir. Bryan Murphy (letter, 27 August) tells us that "in Britain, fortunately, the police are not above the law". Obviously he has not read John Stalker's autobiography.
GEOFFREY BUCKNALL Bromley, Kent

#### Rape accused have rights too

Sir. It would be impossible not to sympathise with the anonymous correspondent (26 August) who says that she was attacked and Tapedat knifepoint. It is, however. county impossible to agree with her when she protests that her alleged attacker, who awaits trial, ought not to be allowed to defend himself in person and to cross-

examine her.

#### Airport shops are essential

and prosecutes I agree that in the vast majority of cases a defendant r

better off if represented at his trial,

but there must be confidence reposed in the one by the other if counsel is to do his job properly. In any case it is likely that counsel will

ask the same questions as would spring to the lips of the defendant. Your correspondent is wrong to say that the defendant has rights

but she has none. Her rights are

To restrict cross-examination,

protected by prosecuting counsel.

whether by counsel or the accused

in person, to prevent distress to the ictim, must lead to injustice.
Unless and until a defendant is

convicted he or she must be treated

as innocent. The victim has the

right to have her case put by the

defendant must not be denied the

Costume drama

all about women

Sir: Have John Lyttle and David

Benedict overlooked the true

for the Movies", 26 August)? Hardy and Jude apart, they are

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Redbrook,

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significance of the recent spate of

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right to defend himself.

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Sir: Terence Conran argued ("What is an airport for", 17 Angust) that there was too much retailing at UK airports, disadvantaging the passenger. The sole aim, he asserted, was to make profits for BAA's shareholders mstead of providing efficient passenger-handling facilities. First, those profits are essential

to BAA's ability to spend on providing the efficient, modern airports Conran rightly calls for. Last year alone it invested £450m in airport infrastructure; it is additionally committed to nearly £400m on an ultra-modern rail service from the centre of London to Heathrow.

It will, in summary, spend between now and the 21st century more than £1,500m on what is essential national transport infrastructure. In no other country in the world is this kind of infrastructure provided at no cost to the taxpayer.

Second, passengers want the shops. BAA interviews 400,000 passengers a year to establish what their views really are: 90 per cent want high-quality shopping facilities at airports.

Conran says that people come to the airport only to shop. This is nonscuse. The overwhelming it requires a plane ticket and passport to reach them.

majority of shops are "airside" and Conran says retail takes up too much space. Wrong again. While

in the terminals, it occupies only 12 | India's acceptance of a per cent of terminal space. You cannot serve 100 million people a year without momentary lapses and some complaint. But determined effort and generally

good results are possible, and, we believe, achieved. DES WILSON Director, Corporate and Public Affairs, BAA London SWI

#### Give India help on Test Ban

Sir: The Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, is visiting India to press the Indian Government not to oppose the forwarding of the draft Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty to the UN General Assembly.

India's opposition to the current CTBT text is founded - rightly or wrongly - on its concern that the nuclear weapons states have yet to demonstrate their agreed commitment, as outlined in the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, to the eventual abolition of all

nuclear weapons. Many countries, India included, will be particularly dismayed at the lack of progress on disarmament measures made by the medium-size nuclear powers - Britain, France

Mr Rifleind could pull off a diplomatic coup on his visit to India by providing the Indian Government with assurances about Britain's intentions with respect to its nuclear arsenal, and thus hasten | Welwyn Garden City, Herifordshire the retailing may appear prominent

Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number.

(Fax: 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk) Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. In particular, Mr Rifkind should state specifically that Britain's Trident nuclear arsenal will be included in START III negotiations, and that Britain will support the creation of an ad hoc committee on disarmament at the UN Conference on Disarmament

to discuss a Nuclear Weapons Convention, which would seek to control the fissile materials and dismantle the launch systems of nuclear weapons.

IANET BLOOMFIELD Chair, CND, London N7

#### Back the Beeb

Sir: To further support Polly Toynbee's article ("We need the BBC and Auntie needs her friends", 27 August), yes we do. Moving into the 21st century, uncompromised impartiality is more vital than ever. Let's stop cheapening the BBC by asking it to hustle, and understand its true value - the ability to tell the truth. COLIN PILKINGTON London SW4

#### Sorry, Esther

Sir: Sentiment is compatible (and desirable) with factual TV programmes ("Rantzen 'a threat to BBC integrity", 26 August).
Sentimentality is not, which is the reason why I watch Panorama but switch off Esther Rantzen. ALISON LEAKEY

#### Internet retailing is not so easy

Sir: A number of points should be made before the total domination of the retail market by Internetbased services is to be believed ("Retailers are trying to hold back the Internet tide", 23 August).

As Nigel Cope rightly points out, World Wide Web-based shopfronts are highly suitable for some merchandise, particularly "soft" or digital merchandise. They are unsuitable for other merchandise, particularly commodities found in supermarkets - especially perishables.

The penetration of PCs into UK households, the last time I looked, was around 25 per cent, far 100 low to make supermarket retailing a reality.

The bandwidth available for those "wired" PCs is far too narrow to allow for the feature-rich displays that the average supermarket shopper is used to on the TV and too narrow for economic delivery of "soft" goods.

For the average order of four to five bags of goods, at current rates the delivery charge would surely be too much to bear. Quite apart from the above, people like to shop. Where Mr Cope's argument is

sustained, though, is in his suggestion that the retailers are running scared.

Perhaps the most pertinent question to put to retailers is: why haven't they grabbed the opportunity presented by Internet-based instore "kiosks" to extend the merchandise they can offer in smaller stores? MARK NORMAN Burwell,

#### Face the facts on tobacco addiction

Sir: Clive Turner of British-American-Tobacco ("Won't give it up or can't give it up", 24 August) attempts to wriggle out of dealing with the reality of addiction to smoking tobacco.

The BMA, in its book Help Your Patient Stop (1988), suggests doctors avoid using the word "addiction" when advising patients about giving up smoking, simply and solely because the word has such a disheartening message about the power of the nicotine

Addiction is not just a liking for something, nor even an abuse. It is a physical and/or psychological activity. While "addiction" to chocolate or sex may indeed be questionable, addiction to tobacco is a reality which kills millions every year. DR VIVIENNE NATHANSON

Head of Science, Ethics and Policy British Medical Association

#### Cut exam boards and end choice

Sir: The number of exam boards in England has been cut from 24 to four since the introduction of the GCSE examination ("Exam boards face streamlining", 28 August). Further reductions would eliminate choice completely - especially if the logic of Gillian Shephard's argument is extended to universities. With only one, we could be sure that everyone sits exactly the same examination nationally, having all taken exactly the same course.

And with one newspaper, we could be sure of consistency in the news we receive. A national water board, railway or airline would guarantee consistency too. Whether or not it would be consistently good is a différent

GEORGE R G TURNBULL Associated Examining Bourd Guildford

#### Dinghy danger to children

Sir: Deborah Jackson's article ("More lessons and lifeguards", August 24) about the dangers to children at British sesside resorts was timely, but omitted to mention what has become the most common of such perils.

For many years now, small inflatable dinghies, used at the water's edge, have posed the greatest potential danger to children. Skegness inshore lifeboat is frequently called out several times a day to retrieve children drifting out to sea in their little rubber boats. They can provide lots of fun in sand-bound creeks but should not really be used on the open sea, and then only with a line held by a parent. WINSTON KIME Skegness, Lincolnshin:

#### Cull the car

Sir: Mad Car Disease directly kills 500 times as many people as its bovine variant. Now that we know the additional damage being done by pollution, surely it is time to start culling these dangerous beasts. Where is the European Union when we need it? SEAN WOODS

As counsel who both defends

Lebed, who

has a weakness for headline-grabbing

Boris Yeltsin, in the following

glowing terms. "He is a regular guy. I'm a regular guy. We get

along."
It was hardly surprising. The president had just swept the

retired two-star general to the

pinnacle of power in Russia. Like a tsar besotted with a new

friend, Yeltsin heaped favours into the lap of his protégé,

making him secretary of the

Security Council and his national security adviser over

night. "This is not just an

appointment," the president

enthused, as he posed with his

new right-hand man in an omate Kremlin office, "This is

Nearly 11 weeks on, the

union appears to be falling

apart. Everyone always knew recruited Lebed was because he wanted to snap up the 10.7 million votes the general won (with secret Kremlin backing) in the

first round of this summer's

presidential election. But, for a

while, he seemed genuinely smitten. He even hinted that

Lebed was his choice for the

No more. In the past few

days. Yeltsin has slammed a

door in the general's face by

refusing his requests for a meet-

ing to discuss a settlement in

Chechnya. The president's aides say he is on holiday at a

state country lodge near

Moscow, where Leonid Brezh-

nev once hunted bears with

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Fidel Castro.

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# Russia's Lone Ranger

Alexander Lebed breaks jaws and makes bitter enemies. But if he makes peace in Chechnya he will be a hero and Boris Yeltsin's heir apparent. Dark forces, says Phil Reeves, are ranged against him



General Alexander Lebed: 'A country that claims to be a democratic state cannot settle ethnic problems using rockets and shells'

republic, where at least 35,000 people have been killed in the past 20 months. As refugees trickle back into bombed-out Grozny, rumours circulated that Lebed - who is prone to being

Ignoring Lebed's desires for hot-tempered and impulsive a quick accord-vital in the Cauwas on the verge of quitting. casus where there are so many Although he seems unlikely unsettled scores - the presito go ahead with that threat, it dent's staff said last night that would be a disaster for Chechnya and Russia if he does. Just Mr Yeltsin had finally examined a dossier on the crisis supplied over three weeks after Chechen by the general on Wednesday separatist fighters wrecked last week, and had issued Boris Yeltsin's inauguration cerinstructions to "consolidate the emony by storming into Grozny, peace process". But the two Lebed has made surprising progress, despite pessimists who men had not met face to face said (and still say) that the war is destined to grind on for ever. Such is the apparent disdain with which the president has treated Lebed that the general The 46-year-old general has secured a military truce and has opened discussions on a longhad earlier suggested that it was

has cooled sharply, he remains the Kremlin's best hope, and probably its only hope, of end-

to like and trust him. They quickly warmed to his direct manner, and his open admission that the Kremlin is ensnared in a disastrous, corrupt and unwinnable war.

As the commander of airborne troops, he has experienced other separatist conflicts in Afghanistan, Georgia Moldova, and Azerbaijan. The rebels also admired his courage In contrast to the heavily armed entourages that surround most Russian commanders on visits to enemy territory, only three bodyguards accompanied Lebed on his initial meetings term political settlement. with the Chechen chief-of-staff. Despite plentiful evidence that

Aslan Maskhadov.

it clear that the conflict has a - in his case, power. But he interference with a war that larger dimension. Yeltsin's off- faces a tough task if he is to many still want to settle by hand treatment of Lebed sug-For a start, the rebels seem

gests that Chechnya has become a crucible in which the power-brokers in the Kremlin will forge their relationships base is uncertain. He has not with one another. Centre-stage got the backing of a ministry.

carve himself a niche in the Kremlin, in the face of opposition from Mr Yeltsin himself. For one thing, his power

'A large number of enemies always makes a real man more attractive and, of course, I have them

stands the burly frame of Mr He acknowledges the fact that Lebed, the newcomer who is struggling to be heard.

he has plenty of enemies. In fact, he relishes it, observing Lebed, a former boxer with

a broken nose, has long been fond of depicting himself as a sort of Russian Lone Ranger, single-handedly taking on the crude might of the system. His now scarcely available autobiography, I am Embarrassed for the Nation, is said to portray a hero who triumphs over a world populated by incompetent dolts occasionally using brawn before brains. He proudly describes how he disciplined a group of 10 soldiers who had been carrying out a brutal initiation ceremony on new recruits in Afghanistan: he

broke their jaws. In Lebed's eyes, such exploits are all part of the self-styled persona of "a born winner". He is, he told the Financial Times recently, a "fatalist who is convinced that what is written at a

Chubais, the interior minister, Anatoly Kulikov, and the prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin. be intended to show the upstart Lebed that Mr Chernomyrdin is now the favoured heir.

These include generals and officials who deeply resent his

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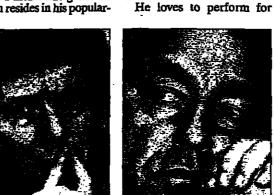
more attractive, and, of course,

Nor has Lebed any signifi-cant political party behind him to defend his corner. His three titles - Security Council Secretary, national security adviser, and presidential envoy to Chechnya - can be taken away by Mr Yeltsin as suddenly as he bestowed them. The general's strength resides in his popular-

crushing the Chechens. Others,

rolling in ill-gotten war profits, simply want to prolong it. He has also ruffled the feathers of

three of the Kremlin's most powerful players: the presi-dent's chief-of-staff, Anatoly





Lebed has ruffled the feathers of the Kremlin's most powerful players: Yeltsin (left), his

interviewers. Holding a Camel cigarette aloft in a long ciga-rette holder, he lowers his cliff-like forehead and switches on a long unblinking stare. His vic-tim tamed, he begins to rumble forth in a voice so low that you feel like poking him on the lapel and asking him to speak

"The Soviet Union died," he told me shortly before his is not sorry about its destruction has no heart. But the person who dreams of restoring it has no brains."

Such neat bursts of prover-bial wisdom have won him friends among the Russian press. They rarely return from an encounter with Mr Lebed without a good story backed up by pithy, and often surprisingly witty quotes, and a stock of historical parallels - from Stalin, to Churchill, to Northern Ireland.

The relatives of Chechens who had been killed during the war were "wolves", willing to fight to the death, he told a hall full of journalists. "No army in the world can win a war against such people," he declared. "A country that claims to be a democratic state cannot settle ethnic problems using rockets and shells."

But, he boasted, given the chance, he could solve the conflict in "20-25 minutes". In the same speech, he referred to the deportation by Stalin of the entire Chechen nation to Siberia and Central Asia in 1944. The Chechens were pleased. And the Moscow newspapers were impressed Most of them have applauded his peace initiative; this week Kommersant declared him to be the "bravest politician and general in Russia"

Photograph: Spooners

lthough he tries to depict himself as a

ity and, more importantly, in the media, which he is culti-

vating with all the zeal of a

plain-speaking soldier

-a Kent from King Lear, a Ross

Perot with pips - his limelight-

grabbing instincts belong more

to a wily courtier. If anything, he

in the past few years, despite

several gaffes which opened

the lid on the darker side of his

brand of patriotism. The worst

of these came shortly after his

arrival in office, when he

described Mormons as "mould

and scum" and made a slighting

reference to Jews - remarks for

which he apologised after an outcry that reached as far as the

US White House.

Hollywood PR agent.

The accolade reflects the undercurrent of popular support that Lebed enjoys in Russia - despite anger among the army's and interior ministry's old guard. If he pulls off the Yeltsin's sluggish unco-operativeness), he will be a national hero in a country that is heartily sick of seeing its young men slaughtered for nothing. He will also become the clear favourite for the presidency.

No one will care a jot that his politics are still somewhat foggy and that his commitment to democracy is uncertain. We know he is relaxed about Nato expansion, passionate about military reform and law and order, and an advocate of pragmatic "common sense" nationalism. He has persistently warned that Russia is on the verge of a social revolt, and appears to believe that the way to avert this is by restoring order by making government departments answerable to a powerful autonomous struc-

ture - his own Security Council. "Power," he remarks, ominously, "is never given, it can only be seized." For the time being he is playing a heroic role, which Mr Yeltsin is failing ade-quately to support. But that does not make him a regular

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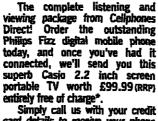


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# Fat ladies and Fringe activities

chief of staff, Anatoly Chubais, and the prime minister, Viktor Chemomyrdin

Edinburgh Fringe again, but when you're here, the real world does seem a long way away. Even when you are in the real Edinburgh, life takes on a sort of Fringe

For instance, I was ped-alling through the Grass Market the other day when I noticed a wonderful-looking cook-book shop, and I remembered that when I was last living in Notting Hill there had been a wonderful-looking cook-book shop in Blenheim Crescent run by a larger-thanlife woman called Clarissa Dixon-Wright. The reason I remembered it so well was that it was right opposite the Travel Bookshop, where my daugh-ter, Sophie, worked for a long while. I also remembered that the last time I met Jenifer Paterson, the affably eccentric cook who rides round London on a motor bike, she had said that Clarissa Dixon-Wright had transplanted to Edin-

chordes and cries of welcome to the extent that she agreed to put up a poster for our show, The Death of Tchai-kovsky - a Sherlock Holmes Mystery. That this was not just moment later when two men came in asking if they could put up their posters for their

"Let's see them," said They showed her two quite decent posters for a WB Yeats "No, don't like it," she said,

and they retired, looking most unoffended. 'You don't take many posters, then?" I asked. "My dear, if I put up every poster I was offered, I

wouldn't have a shop," she

"By the way," I said," do you remember Sophie from the Travel Bookshop?" "Yes, indeed!" she said. "We were great chuns. I wonder how she is."

"She's having a baby in December." "How wonderful! But how



Miles Kington

"She's my daughter." "Good heavens! How wonderfull I had no idea! ... Gosh, you look brouzed, dear!"

This, not to me, but to the window cleaner who had just appeared and was carefully cleaning round the few posters that had been allowed to go up. He did indeed look as brown as a coffee bean. "Aye, well. I've been off for two weeks working as a ski

instructor." "Abroad?" I said. "No, here in Edinburgh." They've got one of the

world's best dry-ski slopes here," said Clarissa. "Have they really?" said another customer, who had been listening to all this.

"Gosh, I've been looking for somewhere to do some summer skiing. Tell me more ...

A moment later he and the window cleaner had retired to a corner to swap each other's intimate details, while Clariss had proudly produced a TV publicity card headlined "BIGGER THAN KEITH FLOYD!"
"Has Jenifer told you that

we are making a TV cookery programme together?" she said. "It's going to be called Two Fat Ladies. It's coming out this autumn. We've had terrific fun shooting it. We've been going round on a motor bike and side-car together. So far it hasn't buckled under the

It is true that neither Clarissa nor Jenifer is exactly a waif. That is why the programme is called Two Fat adies. That is also why the publicity on the card read: Bigger than Rick Stein! Bigger than Keith Floyd! Even bigger than Delia!" No danger of being sued under the Trades

Description Act there. Now, the whole point of that little four-part conversa-

tion is that although the Fringe was nowhere really menconversation, because it is at the Edinburgh Fringe that you keep bumping into the most unlikely people and things and not being surprised by it at all. And where else would you meet a window cleaner who also taught skiing? But he is not the only man here with

dual jobs. A few days later I was in perhaps the nicest shop in Edinburgh, the Gramophone Emporium in St Stephen's Street, a treasure house of old 78s and LPS, which is run by a young man called Neil with an encyclopaedic knowledge of jazz records. As it opens only one and a half days a week, I asked him curiously what he did the rest of the week. "Oh, I work part-time at Aztec, the Latin-American shop in Victoria Street." he said, "and I also teach Gaelic at a music school called St

Mary's." I challenge anyone to come up with a wilder threesome of jobs. Outside Fringe time.

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enough, was Clarissa Dixon-Wright who greeted me with

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y instant reaction to the new Globe Theatre at London's Bank-

side was: well, it'll be nice when

it's finished. Surveying the majestic, top-less farmhouse loaf that this Elizabethan

replica so curiously resembles, you make all kinds of necessary mental adjustments (remove the cranes, blank out the Porta-

kabins, pretend the arc lights aren't there, ignore the generator noise, forget the looming ruin of Bankside Power Station) and you're still mesmerised by the unvariation.

nished planking and just-made-it breeze-blocks, the lashed-up walkways and sten-cilled signs. Even the buxon sellers of fizzy orange drinks (a nice Neil Gwynne touch) don't exactly drench you in period atmos-

phere. It all feels so temporary. God knows what the tourists make of it, and whether it makes them feel they're aboard

the QE2 during its famous floating refit.

The production of Two Gentlemen of Verona is as lively as human ingenuity can make one of Shakespeare's most lumpen comedies, but such is the nature of the

evening that you spend your time reviewing the audience. This is the theatre where,

of course, you're supposed to join in, heckle, barrack, hurl fruit and generally interact with the thespians in approved

groundling style. It took a while to get them going. Most of the groundlings spent the first half watching the darkening sky for rain, surreptitiously swigging beer as if at a rock festival, and wondering if the blonde in the goal how was or waster. Jane Homesha of

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into an art form is traditionally attributed to Marie Taglioni, South Alrid who stuffed her satin slippers with cotton and rose on tiptoe better to suggest the light-footed fairies then in fashion. India La Taglioni's greatest success was in August Bournonville's 1832 ballet La Sylphide. She created such a sensation that a group of fans with sound digestions stewed and are a pair of her slippers in fetishistic tribute. The modern ballerina's ability to rise on to points and stay there is made possible by rigorously trained Marie A ...

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is fine. For the rest of us, it is

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The pre-eminence of Russian ballet in the popular imag-

followed the revolution.

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So if ballet is mostly French it with Russia? Although obliged to import its earliest dance teachers from France, Russia soon made up for lost time with Tchaikovsky and Marius Petipa (another Frenchman) creating works such as Sleeping Beauty and Swan Lake, which have survived substantially unchanged

ination is partly thanks to Petipa (and his collaborator Lev Ivanov) but mostly due to the impresario Sergei Diagh-ilev, who hired some of St Petersburg's finest to form an international touring company in 1909. The popular success and enormous influence of Les Ballets Russes were largely thanks to Diaghilev's unerring ability to cherry-pick the cre-ative forces of the age. His taste and judgement led to a masterly fusion of the contemporary arts, fashionably decadent visuals by Benois and Bakst, modern music from Stravinsky, and transcendent performances by Nijinsky, Pavlova and Karsavina, Every one of these singular talents was to quit Russia for good in the creative diaspora that



## John WALSH

What's this? Punch and Judy at the Globe? As Shakespeare goes interactive, it's time the audience learnt their lines

the telly (it was). Gradually, some people got the idea that they were supposed to be part of the dramaturgical mise-en-scène, and tentatively plonked their elbows on the edge of the stage. When Lannee the droll appeared with a dog in tow, the audience reached up to pet it. When Proteus revealed his secret plan to dump Julia, everyone hissed. When the sleazeball Thurio appeared in swimming trunks and dipped his toe over the edge of the stage, they went Ooh and Aah. It was, in other words, Shake-speare as Punch-and-Judy show, with the audience re-thought as kids.

But as the night wore on, things grew up.
The professional classes in the "gentlemen's box" broke out mobile fridges of Chablis.
Mobile phones shrilled. The elbow-on-stage

crew feasted their groundling eyes on Anastasia Hille's bosom as, in a flimsy nightie, she fought off an attacker two inches away from them. Unscripted banana skins whistled past the ears of the salsa skins whistled past the ears of the salsa band. And, as one of the (on-stage) warring couples attempted a reconciliation, a kindly old gent from the stalk shouted, "Don't do it, Julial" in counselling-service tones. He got the biggest cheer of the night. I'm happy to believe that interactive Shakespeare is the drama of the future, like the Globe itself, it just needs a bit more sanding and polishing. But where do you learn to be a good audience?

about our relationship. While naturally delighted about the happy condition in which she finds herself, I cannot be drawn into idle speculation as to the begetter of her abdominal bump. I simply will not discuss what we once meant to each other. No. no, my lips are sealed. You cannot drag it out of me. Scalding hooks. Wild horses. Oh, very well, then.

We met just once. It was years ago. I sat next to ber at a dinner party. You were expecting something more sensational? Draw near, gentle reader, for there is more. I am happy to tell you that Ms Stark did something to me that no other woman has ever done, before or since. She was by my side, looking very gorgeous (her eyes are dangerously bright and flickering, like the snake-woman's in Coleridge's poem "Christobel") and I cudgelled my brain for a conversational opening but could think of nothing that did not involve the Royal Pamily, or porn movies, or both. Conceding defeat, I turned to talk to the woman on my right, leaving Ms Stark to the charms of the chap on her left. Exactly one minute later, I felt the odd sensation of being interfered with, and realised that Ms Stark's hand was rummaging in the pocket of my jacket. As I turned back, she was taking out the contents of same and inspecting them with amusement. It was a shameful display: disposable lighter, No 49 bus ticket, sticky half-pack of mentholyptus Tunes, bafflingly acquired card from telephone booth bearing legend, "Large Oriental chest for sale, phone



Desiree", disengaged cuff-button, souvenir biro emblazoned with "Cutty Sark, Greenwich" logo, paperclip – plus (thank God) the bill from a hotel in Connemara where I'd spent the previous week. We talked about Ireland. It wasn't the most passionate encounter in history, but Ms Stark's direct approach to the socially challenged

Rod Steiger, the brilliant actor with the threatening vap and staring eyes, was in London this week, doing some filming for a new movie called *Incognito*. It's about an art forgery, which is wholly appropriate

since Mr Steiger has taken the mantle of the late Edward G Robinson as Hollywood's premier art connoisseur. On the last day of filming, he rang an American actor friend. William Hootkins, the burly and grizzled veteran of a thousand radio plays, audiobooks and voice-overs for trailers of small-town-in-peril disaster movies. "C'mon Bill," commanded Steiger, "take me to some galleries,"

Misunderstanding the great man's requirements, Hootkins went into a brisk tourist itinerary: "Well, you've got to see the Claes Oldenburg at the Hayward, and the Spanish flower paintings at the Dulwich Gallery and - have you been to the Sainsbury's wing of the National?"

"No, Bill, no," said Steiger. "I mean gall er-ies. Shop-ping."

The afternoon was spent cruising the art circuit from Bayswater to Hampstead in Steiger's white limousine, burning plastic. "And it's odd, you know," reports Hootkins, "how all galleries treat you differently if you draw up in one of those things, with a film star in tow. In seconds, you have a glass of champagne in your hand, a catalogue under your arm and you're looking

Steiger is now back in the US, auditioning portrait painters to immortalise himself and his young family. "Sort of Gra-ham Sutherland with a softer edge." is the kind of thing he's looking for, should you have your box of acrylies handy.

at two specimens of London-art-gallery

# Return of the angel

We all love children. But on the subject of their welfare the world has gone almost completely mad

rouses the Democratic Convention with her usual soppy guff about children. She has to do this to counteract the Republicans' copy to the flames. soppy guff about children. Neither party can afford not to emit soppy guff about children.

It is the American way. Meanwhile, Queen Silvia of Sweden causes embarrassment by attacking her country's tolerance of child pornography at the world's first congress against the sexual exploitation of children, being held (oddly under the circumstances) in Stockholm. In California, a Bill is about to become law that will force twice convicted paedophiles to be either castrated or drugged to prevent them re-offending. The case of the Belgian serial child abuser and killer Marc Dutroux continues to enthrall the world and a 34-year-old Briton has been arrested in Albania for sexually abusing two boys. Oh, and a new film of Vladimir Nabokov's Lolita has resurrected

the controversy that once surrounded that book: does it encourage paedophilia? I could go on, but you get the point. Children are the issue of the moment. On the one hand, they are evoked as the ne plus ultra of American politics; on the other, they are seen as being at unprecedented risk from a world-wide epidemic of paedophilia. Whole pages of

broadsheet newspapers are routinely devoted to the day's crop of paedophile horrors.
But first, in order to avoid the usual misunderstandings, 1 need to make a few things clear. Children are important, child abuse is horrible, hell has

not agonies enough for

Ballet dancers walk in a very silly way: their toes do not face the direction

of travel. Instead their legs are unnaturally twisted at the hips

so that a greater variety of

poses can be struck at a

moment's notice with elegance and economy. It is called turn-out and it has its roots in the

formal dances of the Prench

The five positions of the

feet were already established by the mid-17th century, but over

the years steps were added by

succeeding generations of vir-

tuoso dancers. To the core

repertoire of stances were

added the various poses on one leg (arabesque, attitude), jumps (jeté, pas de chat, cabriole, bal-

loue, etc), and turns (pirouette, fouene, promenade, etc).

The transformation of the

vulgar trick of toe-dancing

and Italian courts.

M Dutroux and, if I thought Nabokov's great and beautiful novel in any way condoned or encouraged the abduction or seduction of 12-year-old girls, I would be the first to cast my

But, bracingly orthodox and upright as my attitudes clearly are, I cannot help but notice that, on the subject of children, the world has gone completely

First let me deal with their use in politics - this is, in the extreme form exemplified by La Clinton, an American



phenomenon. But, in some form, it happens everywhere. What is noticeable, whenever it occurs, is that the idea of the child is held up as a shining light beyond the practicalities of politics. Neither in her speeches nor in her sentimental writings has Mrs Clinton anything of substance, use or meaning to say about the care, education or protection of children. Equally, when our own leaders kiss babies during election campaigns, the gesture is entirely devoid of practical content. All any of these people are saying is: yes, we too worship at the

shrine of the child. For those who think that Rikki Lake, Geraldo, Oprah Winfrey and our own dear Esther Rantzen are deep, this

grotesque, because what political child-worship actually means is: childhood is the only absolute we dare embrace.

Politics is a numbers game, and long ago the numbers went weird. There are, these days, too many factions, each with its own absolutes, many of which conflict. Sure, the Americans can still play the patriotism card, but beyond that there's nothing, no agreed virtues.

Here it is worse. Patriotism is out for all but the Europhobes, and all other considerations of virtue are being Magimixed down into a nice ness contest between Tony and John. The public world, bereft ilised and the child becomes the only acceptable icon.

Insofar as this icon has any practical content, it is this: children are the future. Fine, give them an education, give them a culture. But if that culture turns out to have been infantilised. what's the point? Children will grow up to be children. For the truth is that worshipping children as the future is another way of saying that we have no faith, no confidence, no belief in the present. The worship of the child is an admission of political failure.

Next paedophilia. I am pre-pared to bet - I cannot lose, since there is no way of knowing - that there is no more child abuse today than there was 100 years ago. The one difference is that cheap global travel and communications systems such as the Internet make the systematisation of abuse easier. Maybe that has resulted in some increase in the overall numbers, but I doubt it. In any case, such systems also help with the detection of child

abusers - a small point but one that is invariably ignored. What is clear is that the

sexual abuse of children currently enthralls the world. Abuse stories that would once have been passed over are inflated to run alongside the big horror stories like Dutroux. Knowing this, Calvin Klein can dabble with paedophiliac images to generate publicity for his horrible clothes and illiterates can creep out of the closets, where they have hidden since the Fifties, to damn Lolita, one of the great works

#### The worship of the child is an admission of political failure

of art of the past 50 years.

I have written before about the way this hypersensitivity to any sexual threat to our children feeds our general con-temporary sense of the world as a landscape of limitless, incalculable risk. But why this particular risk? Why have we fastened on to child abuse as the defining evil of our day?

The answer is obvious. Just as a moral, intellectual and cultural vacuum obliges politi-cians to adopt the child as the only absolute good, so it obliges everybody else to adopt the abuse of the child as the only absolute evil. Look at how social workers became obsessed with Satanic child abuse dressing up this evil, borrowing the imagery of religion to make it as foul as possible.

Child abuse was all they had. There was nothing else on which they could all agree to vent their sense of evil andwhich they knew would inflame ours. It worked. Perhaps we have dropped the horns and cloaks out of embarrassment. But the sheer intensity of our interest and concern makes the same point - this crime, above all others, fulfils our need for evil. An undue obsession with

children, as focus of good or occasionally for evil, is infantile.

Ballet's popularity with ordi-

nary citizens and commissars

alike ensured its survival, but

although the classics were trea-

sured, new choreography, cut

off from international stimulus.

either stagnated or developed

along brash Soviet lines. This

dearth of creative talent was

masked by the fine dancers still

being produced in numbers

that astonished Western audi-

ences when the Bolshoi and

Kirov began touring abroad with dancers like Ulanova,

Nureyev, Makarova, Barysh-

nikov and Asylmuratova.

Inevitably a shortage of red meat and fresh ballets led

many of them to defect to the

Britain had long been used

to regarding ballet as a foreign

import and any home-grown talents modified their names

accordingly: Hilda Boot became Hilda Butsova; Hilda

Munnings, Lydia Sokolova; Peggy Hookham, Margot Fon-

teyn. Britain did not evolve a

native ballet until a former

Diaghilev dancer called Ninette de Valois (real name

Edris Stannus) set up her Academy of Choreographic

It is a symptom of a society that cannot grow up. Of course children should be cared for and child abusers hunted down and prosecuted. But to become obsessed with these processes indicates that we are not confident we can do either, that there is something so wrong with the present that we must flee to the future we imagine to be embodied in our children. They will not thank us because

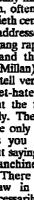
still believe in growing up.

children, unlike their parents, dance (the Royal Ballet has its own morris-dancing outfit to this day). De Valois thus laid the foundation for the char-

works of Frederick Ashton. Meanwhile, across the Atlantic, George Balanchine, who left Russia in 1924, was discovering the lean, rangy bodies of American dancers and the jazzy perfections of Broadway and incorporating these elements in the neoclassical style he forged for his adopted country.
Although all ballet compa-

nies try to preserve a national style their programming is often depressingly similar. The core repertoire of 19th century classics is usually mixed with more modern, often plotless works. Twentieth century ballet may have addressed everything, from gang rape to the Holocaust (and that's just Kenneth MacMillan), but bailet can only tell very simple stories. Ballet-haters often complain that the fairy-tale plots are silly. They forget that there are only so many relationships you can get

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across without saying a word - as Balanchine once remarked: "There are no mothers-in-law in ballet". Plots are necessarily simple but eternal: boy meets swan, boy loses swan, boy gets swan.

acteristic English style of neat, fleet footwork enshrined in the

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Art in 1926, an enterprise that by 1956 had become known as the Royal Ballet. Just as Russian ballet had grafted native folk traditions on to the basic classical technique, De Valois rooted British ballet in national

# market report/shares Investors pay premium for a pinta from Dairy Crest

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morning stock market debut. Priced at 155p the shares floated to 196.5p, comfortably ahead of the most optimistic 1960.5 +6.0 SEAQ VOLUME

The rousing reception accorded the milkmen prompted speculation of a stake-building exercise. The near-21 million turnover included some lumpy deals and in the excitement it would not have been difficult

to build a strategic interest. However, the shares have benefited from a swing in sentiment in the market and the milk industry since the pinta is-sue was priced at the start of August. Then the FT-SE 100 index was, at best, just showing the first signs of starting its record-breaking run which continued yesterday, with Footsie climbing 13 points to a 3,918.7 peak.

And last week the Office of

Dairy Crest made a top-of-the-morning stock market debut. companies by wringing promis-es from Milk Marque to modify its pricing system.

Even before such changes Dairy Crest was competitively price; rated lower than Northern Foods or Unigate.

So a milky-way launch was expected. Most dealers were looking for around 175p - a price too low to even contemplate in the rush following the opening bell.

The scramble will be appreciated by the 28,000 farmers, eligible for a handout worth some £6,000 each, mostly in shares, when the former marketing arm of the dis-banded Milk Marketing Board priced its shares for flotation. The rest of the market re-

mained confident as some big players, returning from their holidays, helped sentiment by alighting on shares that have failed to keep up with the herd in the August race.



MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter

of the year

to the possibility Prudential Corporation might be tempt-

ed to splash out following the

sale of its Mercantile & Gen-

However any deal would

need the approval of Lloyds

TSB with 62.6 per cent of the shares. And Lloyds could be re-

luctant to surrender such an

bank, rose 9p to 266.5p, a year's high. Its quoted Hambro Countrywide estate agency

chain is due to report interim

figures today. Its shares have

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new Sequence computerised system continued to torment some dealers. There were apparent examples of trades being misrecorded and it was widely assumed that the reported volume - 623.9 million was overstated.

The supporting FT-SE 250 index kept up its bounding run - gaming 9.5 to 4,437.8. It was the 20th consecutive plus - a winning streak last achieved in the summer of 1993.

A successful government stocks auction, better-thanexpected trade figures, lower interest rate hopes and re-newed takeover speculation kept the market on the uproad.

apparent Hambros could face corporate activity. Regent Pacific, a Far Eastern group, has quietly put together a 3 per cent shareholding.

United News & Media climbed 17-5p to 722-5p, reflecting the heightened tension imagination, jumping 32p to 593p as the market latched on

flecting the heightened tension in the media industry and its decision to sell some of its local newspapers.

Allied Domecq, up 15p to 466.5p, was the best performing blue chip, reflecting break-up hopes following the proposed sale of its remaining breaking interests. Peter I uses brewing interests. Peter Lucas at Crédit Lyonnais Laing said: The carrot of further action through demerger should sup-port the shares for the shortterm". Bass, which would recapture top brewing spot if the Allied deal goes through, gained Sp to 843.5p. Whit-bread's Pelican restaurants ac-

Whitehall clearance, a possiof the housing revival. But as the market closed it became bility that helped the shares
4.5p higher to 728.5p Zeneca, up 17p to 1,520p. got another whirl on reported Goldman Sachs support and

renewed speculation about the cash resources of Roche, the giant Swiss group tipped to bid.

Utilities were ruffled by reports the Labour Party is due

to provide details of its "wind-fail" tax today, National Grid lost 3.5p to 177.5p. General Electric Co, engulfed in the furore over George Simpson's pay packet, fell 5.5p to 391p. Salomon Brothers believe the shares are worth 340p.

First Information, a software developer, crashed 67.5p to 100p on a downbeat trading statement which spoke of a possible bid; Firecrest, the Internet group, said Camelot Corporation had sold its 10.5 per cent stake. The shares

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Hanover International, the hotel group being created by Peter Eyles, former chief of the Norfolk Capital hotel chain, returned to market following the acquisition of six hotels for £40m. The shares, suspended at 150p, traded at 130p against the 124p at which they were placed to belp fund the deal.

The six hotels were owned by an arm of Compagnie Bancaire, which repossessed the properties during the recession. Before the takeover Hanover, which came to market last year, had just one botel, the Imperial at Cork.

John Tams, the dinnerware and mugs group, shaded to 59p, although Greig Middleton rates the shares, yielding 8.2 per cent, a buy. It sees profit climbing to £1.6m this year and just over £2m next.

moved ahead strongly on hopes it will be a big beneficiary quisition is expected to get Lloyds Abbey Life caught the trading climate for the milk 2009 Prices are in starting except where stated. The yield is last year's dividend, grossed up by 2000 Prices are in starting except where stated. The yield is last year's dividend, grossed up by 200 per cent, as a percentage of the share price. The price/carriings (P/E) ratio is the share 2000 price divided by last year's samings per share, excluding exceptional starts. Other details: 7 Ex rights x Ex-dividend a Ex ell u Unisted Securities Market a Suspended 2000 pp Partly Paid pm Mi Paul Shares. ‡ AM Stock Source: F7 Information FFSE 100 – Real-time 00 Starling Rates 04
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Fat cats row: Institute of Directors head says opposition to GEC chief's five-year package is totally unjustified

# Greenbury man backs Simpson's £10m pay

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PATRICK TOOHER

The row over "fat cat" salaries escalated last night when a leading member of the Greenbury committee set to curb excessive executive pay defended a controversial package that could net new GEC chief executive George Simpson £10m over the next five years.

Tim Melville-Ross, directorgeneral of the Institute of Directors, described the hostile reaction of most institutional investors, shareholders' groups and opposition politicians to the

deal as "totally unjustified".

"Very few people are capable of doing that kind of job," he said. "They are in much shorter supply than football stars and people don't have a problem with people who play for lem with people who play for Manchester United so why should they have a problem paying a great deal of money to someone who is going to run a very large organisation, create thousands of jobs and boost

British industry?" His remarks are bound to cause embarrassment as the Greenbury committee he sat on specifically urged remunera- contract states.

to the wider scene, including pay and employment conditions elsewhere in the company, es-pecially when determining an-

nnal salary increases". Mr Melville-Ross's outburst in a BBC radio interview last night came as GEC hunkered down to see out a storm of criticism that descended on the electronics giant after it emerged that Mr Simpson is set to be-come one of the highest paid di-rectors in the land when he takes over from Lord Weinstock to begin his three year contract in

"You may as well simply give somebody a bag of cash," said Anne Simpson of PIRC, the pay and pensions consultancy.

Included in Mr Simpson's package are a "golden hello" of £500,000 on joining to compensate for leaving the incentive scheme at his previous employer, engineering and aerospace group Lucas, and a profit-related bonus of up to 50 per cent on his basic salary of £600,000, dependent on "certain reasonable performance criteria to be agreed", his service



Troubled waters: George Simpson's £10m package, which includes a 'golden hello' of £500,000, has caused a stir

were reserved for a complicat-ed share options grant based on £4.8m of shares - or eight times Mr Simpson's annual salary. The options can be exercised as long as GEC's share price beats the FT-SE 100 average by 10 per cent in any six months within a

specified three year period.

"There is no point in baving a performance criterion which

But the strongest complaints over it at almost any point in the

Her criticisms were echoed

review bodies. is such a low hurdle you can hop

company's programme," said Ms Simpson.

by Donald Butcher, chairman of the UK Shareholders Association, an independent body that lobbies for greater investor rights. "This gigantic package appears to fly in the face of the goldelines set by pay

performance requirements seem laughable," he said.

The Association of British Insurers confirmed it would examine the full details of the package to see if it breached its guidelines on share incentive schemes but said it was too early to say whether it did.

Others expressed concern about GEC's lack of consultation with shareholders about Mr Simpson's pay package. "It is very

Photograph: Financial Times their own backs by insisting unfortunate it was not possible to

GEC looked outside for a suc-cessor to Lord Weinstock disclose the package at the time of the annual report," furned one leading fund manager.
Adding to this sense of imobliging them to pay the going market rate. potent rage, investors will be "We recognise the imporunable to vote on the scheme

tance of companies being flexible when it comes to rewarding at GEC's annual meeting on 6 new executives," a leading in-September. They can only approve Mr Simpson's appointvestor said.

The City was cautious, mark-However, institutions accepted they had made a rod for 385.5p.

#### Loss of £195m in WH **Smith** shake-up

NIGEL COPE

WH Smith confirmed its worst figures in its 204-year history yesterday and warned a recov-ery would take time. Reporting a pre-tax loss of £195m in the year to June due to heavy restructuring charges, new chief executive Bill Cockburn said

current trading was "patchy".
Strong sales of books, papers. magazines and stationery products have been held back by weaker performances from music, videos and computer games which have been affected

by fewer quality releases. Mr Cockburn said that the Euro '96 football championships had not helped, robbing the shops of valuable trade on two Saturdays. The company also announced that Simon Burke, managing director of Smith's Virgin Our Price subsidiary, was leaving the group to run Virgin's retail and cinema business world-wide.

WH Smith's main problem remains its core high-street chain where profits fell 27 per cent on sales just 2 per cent

higher. Mr Cockburn, who joined the company from the Post Office in January, maintained that WH Smith still had a place on UK high streets and would survive the onslaught from supermarkets and specialist retailers.

"Our brand name is instantly recognisable and I think it's got a lot of puff left in it. There is no evidence that the supermarkets are taking us to the

The figures received a cautious welcome in the City with most analysts saying the jury was still out on the prospects for a WH Smith revival.
WH Smith recorded a pre-tax

loss of £195m in the year to June compared with a £115m profit in the previous year. Group sales on continuing operations were marginally ahead at £2.7bn. The figures were scarred by £283m of exceptional items which were announced in June.

These related to the disposal of its half-share in the Do It All DIY chain to Boots, the cost of 400 redundancies, stock writeoffs and other asset write-

WH Smith retail saw profits fall from £65m to £47.6m on sales of £927m. Like-for-like sales were up by just 2 per cent. Virgin Our Price increased profits from £1 lm to £16m following the opening of 20 new Virgin Megastores. Waterstone's, the booksellers, increased profits by almost 50 per cent to £12.8m.

Investment in The Wall, the US music chain, will be suspended until an expected shakeup of the sector takes place. WH Smith shares fell 5.5p to 414p.

# Hanson faces £95m bill for breaking up

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

The break-up of Hanson into four separately quoted businesses will cost Lord Hanson's conglomerate £95m in professional fees it emerged yesterday. The posting of demerger documents to shareholders confirmed what analysis have expected for some time - the tofal dividend will fall by about a third after the split.

Christopher Collins, vicechairman of Hanson, said investment banks stood to receive about £20m of the total. The group had previously said the sional fees involved in the four-way split would be "containable" thanks to the in-house expertise it had built up over 30

years of hostile takeovers. Hanson's main adviser is NM Rothschild. The spin-off of tobacco arm Imperial is being handled by Schroders and ABN Amro Hoare Govett, while the

demerger of Millennium, the the main reasons for the sharp chemicals business, is in the hands of Goldman Sachs, Paine Webber and Merrill Lynch. Next year Cazenove, Morgan Stanley and Lazards will share the fees for the splitting of the Energy division from the rump

building material operations. There were no surprises on the proposed dividend payments by Imperial and Millennium and Hanson's shares slipped just 1p to 161p yesterday. Imperial said it would have paid the equivalent of 2p per Hanson share had it been independent in the current financial year. Millennium, which will be quoted only in New York, said its dividend would be about

0.55p per Hanson share. The numbers confirmed analysts' beliefs that the 12p payout received last year by Hanson shareholders would be

underperformance of Hanson shares since the demerger was first mooted in January. Since the announcement of the proposed split, Hanson's shares have fallen from a high of 211.5p, underperforming the market by almost a third. Analysts' first reading of the

hefty documents was encouraging, with most thinking both Imperial and Millennium were likely to prove solid invest-Shareholders will be asked to

approve the first two demergers at an extraordinary meeting on 25 September, with first dealines in Imperial in London on 1 October and New York trading of Millennium starting the following day.

Imperial said it would be focusing on overseas expansion and hoped to generate a quarreduced to between 6p and 8p after the split. The prospect of falling income has been one of as much currently. In the nine



Lord Hanson; no surprises over dividend payments

months to September the tobacco company made profits of £270m from sales of £2.8bn. Hanson shareholders will receive one new Imperial share for

every 10 Hanson held. Millennium, in which Hanson shareholders will receive one new share for every 70 held, said it planned to pay a low dividend in the short term to enable it to focus on long-term investment and pay down debts of about \$2bn (£1.28bn). In 1995 it made profits of \$842m.

Comment, page 19 added.

# Widening rift over 'blue skies' threatens BA deal

ment to the board.

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent** 

The US Government yesterday cast a further shadow over the planned alliance between British Airways and American Airlines, after officials intimated that the breakdown in UK-US talks aimed at se-

curing an open skies agreement could be permanent. The latest round of negotia-tions, due to start in Washington yesterday, were postponed by the US team, who said a draft greement drawn up by the UK Department of Transport was miles away from a true open

skies" deal. Yesterday the US insisted talks could not resume unless Britain substantially shifted its negotiating stance. "The ball is in their court," senior officials said. "This is not just a negotiating tactic. At the moment we are miles apart. We are on two different wavelengths," they

The open skies talks are aimed at liberalising airline traffic between the US and UK, which is tightly controlled under a bilateral treaty dating from the 1970s. The US has said it will not give the BA-American tie-up regulatory approval unless a deal is agreed, opening up access to Heathrow Airport. the world's busiest. Today BA's chief executive.

Bob Ayling, is expected to back the UK government's position. telling an industry conference in London that an agreement is still achievable, even with a step by step approach rather interference over ticket prices than the bonfire of controls advocated by the Americans. BA's official position is that

the breakdown is "temporary" and "some complications were inevitable". However, the two companies, which would jointly control 60 per cent of UK-US flights, have insisted they must get regulatory approval by November to be ready to start combined services from next April.

ed the 13 million sq ft project. The proposed Chibank office

tower is the first meaningful new

building to be erected in the

scheme since its original de-

velopers, the Reichmann broth-

mechanism to settle disputes over possible abuses of competition. US negotiators claimed the proposals, which ran into several pages including a detailed blueprint for a dispute resolution board, amounted to a side issue "of interest to the British not to us". The US insisted an open skies agreement must embody similar principles to the deal

agreed with Germany earlier

this year, with no Government

or services. The US has also

Yesterday's planned talks, at

the suggestion of the British

team, were due to discuss a

agreed such deals with the Netherlands and Canada. Apart from the dispute resolution panel there are understood to be "many" other areas of contention. The main disagreement is over the issue of so-called "beyond rights" giving US carriers the ability to fly on

from Heathrow or Gatwick to

other European cities.

# Citibank to build in Docklands Brewer balks at minimum wage

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

The level of minimum wage being demanded by many unions would cost the leisure industry £167m and lead to substantial job losses, according to a leaked memorandum to the Labour Party from one of the sector's riggest companies.

The confidential document from Whitbread, the brewing, pubs and food-retailing group, calculates a rate of £4.15 an hour would cost it more than £27m without restoring any differentials for higher paid employees. The report, A National Min-

imum Wage - A Whitbread Position Paper, claims that a statutory minimum wage would wreak havoc in remuneration and grading structures and on training. Whitbread added that the 3,000 jobs a year it creates destroyed. Pay differentials would be eroded and management grades eliminated.

The company also said that premium rates for Sunday working would have to be cut and hours reduced. It calculates, however, that a rate of £3 an hour would have a "negligible impact". The memo was sent to Labour by Whitbread last employers.

Labour has committed itself to the introduction of a legally hacked minimum pay rate to be set by a Blair cabinet on the advice of a low pay commission. While the party is refusing to speculate on what the rate night be, it will come under considerable pressure at the TUC in a fortnight's time and at the party conference three weeks later to set a rate of half male median earnings. That formula has given a figure of £4.15, but has been up-rated on the basis of fresh official figures to £4.26 an hour. Unions have launched a campaign to win £4 an hour for their lowest paid workers ahead of the election.

The Whitbread paper says that basic hourly rates are "anachromstic". The company's pub and restaurant division pays its 27,000 staff through a mixture of profit-related pay, inwould have to be cut and the centive bonuses, free share career structure would be ownership, employee assistance programmes, staff discounts and company pension schemes.

A spokesman for Whitbread said yesterday that it was difficult to speculate on the potential impact of a national minimum wage until legislation was drawn up. However, the company would continue to monitor developments in the area and emphasised that many September as part of the party's other companies had respondconsultation process with ed to the Labour Party's request for an input from employers.

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## **Investor attacks Hambros**

PETER RODGERS

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Financial Editor Regent Pacific, a Hong Kong investment group, yesterday ap-peared to be trying to put Hambros into play as a takeover target by disclosing a 3 per cent take and mounting an attack on the board's performance. Jim Mellon, chairman of Regent Pacific, said in a written statement: "Hambros appears to us to be an undervalued and undermanaged enterprise. It could be said that the board is beautifully decorated but it seems that the company itself is in urgent need of repairs. We believe that we will profit from an in-

Mr Mellon said later: "We pens. Cyclically it seems like a good time to buy a stake." He added: "Something has got to

happen."
The statement attacking the board was sent to Sir Chips Keswick, Hambros chief executive, ahead of the announce-Sir Chips said Hambros did not know Regent or do any busi-ness with it, and neither did it

know Mr Mellon. "As a 3 per

Source: FT Information

cent shareholder we look forward to meeting them," he Regent Pacific has spent

chant bank. The money came have bought an undervalued from Regent's own capital and stock and we will see what hap- not from funds under management for clients.

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Bank of Thailand. Hambros has recently completed a nine-month review of its long-term strategy, which was published in the annual report in July. Its shares have risen well above the low of 182p in June last year, adding 9p to 266.5p

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Canary Wharf claimed another scalp in its long-running battle to peach financial institutions from their traditional stamping ground in the City. Citibank said yesterday it was to build a 500,000 sq ft headquarters building in the Docklands office complex, joining BZW and

Morgan Stanley, who have already made the move. Citibank had previously indicated it was considering a move to a site on the south bank of the River Thames near London Bridge. It is understood the bank pulled out of those negotiations because of fears that enGummer would sit on any planning application due to the Negotiations with Canary

sensitivity of the river-side site. Wharf, which is thought to have offered a price advantage over the London Bridge option, are expected to continue until October. No precise terms were given for the deal, in which the US's second-largest bank will move 2,500 of its employees from its scattered London sites.

ers from Canada, bought it back from the receivers. Building of the tower is expected to be completed within three years, by which time the Jubilee Line extension will be complete. The move is the latest success for the Docklands office development which collapsed into receivership four years ago but which now claims 80 per cent

The tube link with the rest of London is being seen as the key development for the scheme. Selwyn Jones, property analyst at Credit Lyonnais, said the London financial community occupancy of the 4.5 million sq could accommodate the City ft of space that was completed and Canary Wharf. Comment, page 19

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# France paints Kalon into corner

Mike Hennessey has done a decent job since taking the reins at Kalon in the late 1980s. From a small paint and wallpaper group valued at around £22m, it has grown into Europe's second-targest maker of decorative paints. But the deal that transformed the group last year is looking increasingly ill-timed. The £330m takeover of Euridep, the paint operations of French oil group Total, has run into a slowing French economy, made worse by a government struggling desperately to meet its

Maastricht public spending criteria. Yesterday's half-year figures to June bore the scars. Group profits soared 69 per cent to £19.6m but most of the boost came from including Euridep for a full six months. In fact, underlying figures from the French operations were disappointing, growing from £5.4m to just £7.9m, despite the addition of £100m to turnover.

Kalon faces a pincer movement in France. Although it squeezed cost savings of around £3.9m from the merger in the first half, including £2.1m in France, another £4m has been put on hold while the French courts decide on the legality of the group's rationalisation plans. Including the UK, where the merger of Euridep's Johnstone's Paints and Manders businesses with Kalon is well up to speed, total merger benefits will still top the original forecast of £10m in a full year. But the expected further progress could be extended well into 1997.

Just as serious is the external environment across the Channel. Kalon reckons an unexpected 5 per cent dip in the French paints market cost it £5m in the first half and there is not much light at the end of the tunnel. With the unemployment rate at over 12 per cent, consumer spending remains subdued.

It was hardly surprising then that analysts were slicing profits forecasts from £47m to around £35m yesterday. But the damage to the shares was limited, with the price falling 8p to 125p.

There are reasons to be cheerful at Kalon. It has reversed a three-year decline in market share at Euridep, whose brands have strong market positions. There is no reason Mr Hennessey should not repeat the success of Novodec, the biggest private label paint maker in France acquired in 1993. Margins there have been built to 12 per cent. four times the Euridep level.

Meanwhile, there are grounds for some optimism in the UK. Helped by lower raw material costs, Kalon raised UK profits from £6.1m to £8.2m while weeding out parts of the unprofitable Johnstone's and Manders business. And a 7 per cent fall in volumes

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN cent, gross margins slipped by 1.3 points to 19.3 per cent in the period.

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KALON: AT A GLANCE

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shows signs of bottoming out, at least in the retail market. July was the best month of the year so far and August is going well. Overseas beyond France, interesting operations are emerging in Hungary, where Kalon's market-lead-ing position helped it to raise profits a fifth, and in Spain, where profits rose 56 per cent. The potential is there, but, on a forward rating of 20, the shares

#### Stoves stands up to rivals' heat

Floated at 163p a year ago, shares in Merseyside-based domestic cooker manufacturer Stoves have had a tremendous run, peaking at 304p earlier this year before coming off the boil somewhat.

Such outperformance is all the more remarkable given the backdrop of weak selling prices, particularly at the lower end of the appliance range, and fierce competition from far larger rivals such as Electrohux, Whirlpool and

Trading record

Rumover (2m)

Dividends per share (pence)

Operating profit by area

Pre-tax profits (£m)

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Yesterday's figures suggest investors' faith in the company has not been misplaced. Pre-tax profits rose 42 per cent to £4.2m in the year to May 1996 on turnover 29 per cent higher at £63m. Earnings per share were static at 14.2p as Stoves incurred an 18 per cent tax charge after unrelieved tax losses became fully utilised. A maiden full-year dividend of 5.2p will also be paid.

The figures hide a year of two halves.

Raw material price rises for steel, aluminium and plastics, which hit the firsthalf figures, have abated, while the adverse trading impact of last year's long, hot summer has not been repeated. Indeed, Stoves says the first two months of the current year have seen "considerable growth", helped in part by the pick-up in the housing market. So far growth has been managed well, with sales nearly trebling but staff numbers only doubling to just under 1,000 since the management buyout from Yale & Valor in 1989 and the revival of the pre-war Stoves brand

Stoves' main challenge is to prevent margin erosion. Although its share of the UK market rose from 13 to 16 per

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despite the increase in sales. Stoves has also moved into unknown territory by taking over responsibility for after-sales service from retailers such as Currys and British Gas.

Stoves will also have to pay a full tax charge this year, limiting the expected

advance in earnings per share to a pedestrian-looking 8 per cent. All of which makes the forward mul-tiple of 17, based on house broker Kleinwort Benson's pre-tax profits forecast of £5.8m, difficult to justify.

#### FKI hits the acquisition trail

Engineering group FKI is starting to deliver on broad hints dropped in June that it could have over £300m of acquisitions under its belt by the end of this year. Yesterday's £52.3m deal to acquire Nuova Marelli Motori of Italy is the thin end of that particular wedge, but FKI confirmed bigger buys of around £200m are still in the offing.

Nuova Marelli should keep the pot oiling. It is being acquired from two US investment funds and fulfils the FKI criterion of occupying a leading posi-tion in its markets. The company makes low-voltage electric motors and alternators, with applications including fork-lift trucks and lifts. It commands 14 per cent of the Italian market for its type of AC motors, just ahead of ABB, and a strong 32 per cent share of the alternators market.

That helped deliver underlying op-erating profits of L14bn (£5.9m) in 1995, on sales of L133bn (£56.5m), after adding back central costs. FKI says reorganisation costs should be no more than £1.5m in a full year, so there should be a marginal contribution this year, but the real benefits should come in 1997. Marelli neatly complements FKI's existing Laurence Scott business, whose motors and generators are aimed at slightly larger specialist applications such as in submarines and nuclear plants. By offering a bigger range and enhanced distribution from the two companies, while supplying more of the group's needs for motors in-house, FKI reckons it can increase sales by around £8m a year.

The market was unimpressed, marking the shares down 0.5p to 187.5p, but FKI's caution on acquisitions is welcome. Full-year profits of £109m, for a forward p/e ratio of 15, suggests the shares are reasonable value.

#### for a new partnership CITY DIARY JOHN WILLCOCK Lord Parkinson, he of the Sarah Keays affair, has just been made chairman of a Leeds-based Internet "access provider," Planet Online, owned by his pal Paul Sykes. Mr Sykes made his first fortune in scrap metal, and met Cecil in 1976 when he was chairman of Barnsley Conservatives. Lord Parkinson tells the Yorkshire Post: "I suppose that although we

Lord Parkinson on-line

Lord Parkinson: Heading to Paris for an Internet launch

close to the media mogul, the pr man said he had not read the 306-page tome. But, he added smoothly, people who had assured him that Snoddy's book was "tame - very tame". Snoddy himself is in Iceland, presumably avoiding the wrath of Mr Green.

never talked about it before,

it was always in the back of

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Lord Parkinson was a chartered accountant and a

businessman himself before

1979, where he rose to be

he joined the Government in

Transport Secretary.
"When Paul invited me to

become chairman, I thought

about it and I was intrigued.

It's an entry into a whole

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to Paris in two weeks' time

via Eurostar to announce a

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Sadly, I will not be attending.

A no-holds-barred biography

Michael Green by the FT's

Ray Snoddy comes out on 9

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tion yesterday, one person in

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might work together."

Kalon Group managing director Mike Hennessy likes to boogy when he announces Running, which, Mr Hen-

Shannon in 1965. a Sixties hit by the Tremeloes. The finals were titled More than I can Say, a top 10 smash for Bobby Vee in 1965.

his results. This year's interims were headlined Keep on nessy claims, was a hit by Del In the same vein, last August's interims were headlined Even the Bad Times are Good,

But hang on a minute. ing". Turning to a spin doctor | Surely Keep on Running was Howard Davies, deputy governor of the Bank of England and Manchester City fan, has urged his club not to make George Graham its next manager. Mr Graham was sacked as manager of Arsenal last year over the "transfer bung" affair. Speaking on Radio 5, Mr Davies said: "I would prefer someone who still had something to prove. I don't see why Manchester should become a rehabilitation home for tarnished

managers. Fd rather have someone like Neil Warnock of Ply-

month, or Dave Bassett of Crystal Palace. I hope we don't go

for Graham but it looks as though it's moving that way."

sung by the Spencer Davies Group. Mr Hennessy must be confusing it with Del Shannon's record Runaway. Ashen-faced spokespeople

for Kalon confirmed last night that the Independent was right. No doubt Kalon will be making a suitable statement to the Stock Exchange.

M&G, the UK's biggest PEPs and unit trust group, has pro-moted Michael McLintock to succeed David Morgan as managing director.

I'm sure Mr McLintock is good at his job - he got a first at Oxford in 1983 and then worked for Morgan Grenfell and Barings before joining M&G four years ago. What is galling, however, is his youth. Mr McLintock is a mere 35. An M&G spokeswoman

finds this reaction amusing: "If you met Mr McLintock you would be not at all surprised. He's been the obvious choice for the last two years." So has he got any interesting hobbies? "He's very busi-

ness focused. If you asked him about hobbies it would be a waste of your time." Huh. Sounds like a right prig. "Oh no, he's very like-able." Worse and worse...

#### **GRAND PRIX** '96 RACE SCHEDULE

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# The latest scores and results

unday's dramatic Belgian Grand Prix proved that speed alone is not enough to secure victory: a keen tactical mind and a little bit of luck come in useful as well. Michael Schumacher's perfectly timed pit-stop, while the field were circulation elections that ing slowly behind the pace car following Jos Verstappen's accident, was the key to his win. Villeneuve, who is used to such tactics from the far more com-

mon use of the pace car in Indyear racing, wanted to pit at the same time, but radio problems prevented him from getting the message through to his crew in time, and he had to crawl round another lap. It cost him the race - but Dream Team managers with Villeneuve on their strength need not despair: their man brought home as many points as Schumacher. Damon Hill had a rather subdued weekend, and thirteen points

is an uncharacteristically low Dream Team score for him: he is streets ahead in the total Dream Team standings, but is he beginning to lose his self-belief in the chase for the drivers' title in the real world? Jacques Villeneuve, the reigning Indycar champion, knows what it is like to win a title: that confidence may prove Away from the top two there were some useful performances

from hitherto unheralded drivers. Pedro Lamy lugged his Minardi around the Ardennes patiently to pick up nine Most Improved points. But it was his mechanics who were the real stars. The pit crew turned their man around faster than all the grander teams could manage to give him five Dream Team points for quickest pitstop. A magnificent effort by the little team from Faenza in Italy. one of grand prix motor rucing's most likeable crews.

But it was a truly dreadful weekend for the Swiss Sauber team. and any Dream Team manager with a Sauber driver on board is looking at a minus score. Johnny Herbert is used to misfortune. but even he must have been surprised to be sem ayang hairpin bend by his own team-mate. Heinz-Harald, go and stand in the corner. but even he must have been surprised to be sent flying at the first



#### DRIVER OF THE DAY: MICHAEL SCHUMACHER

Relief at last for Dream Team managers who shelled out fortunes to retain the services of Michael Schumacher. The £25m man proved last weekend to be worth every penny with a performance of great cunning, speed and courage to hold off Jacques Villeneuve and win the Belgian Grand Prix worthy of the accolade of Driver of the Day. The courage was required to step back into his Fer-

run after a gigantic accident in qualifying on Friday when he backed his car into a wall at around 150mph, breaking the steering wheel with his right knee. Speed is something that Schumacher has always had, but rarely has he looked as fast as he did on Sunday, locking the scarlet car's brakes, twitching it sideways lap after lap under acceleration down the hill away from the La Source

But cunning was required to defeat the faster Williams of Villeneuve, and thurnacher is as wile as they come. An archivity of the control of Schumacher is as wily as they come. An early pit-stop while the pace car was out was the key to an outstanding victory.

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# Throwing money at property will end in tears

It seems that only last week the pundits were calling the end of the property market cycle. In a period of sustained low inflation, they told us, there would be no more of the crazy boom and bust that had plagued the industry for so long. Property, residential and commercial, would once again be a sensible but dull investment, somewhere to live or

work, not something to speculate on. That looks like so much phooey this week, with the City and Docklands again flexing their muscles at each other, banks falling over themselves to lend on speculative developments, and rents in prime areas rising strongly once more. For a property developer these conditions are heaven. Before it ends in tears a few years from now some of them will have made their pile and cleared off to the south of France. But like

last time, most will end up losing their shirts. It all looks so familiar to those with a 10year memory. Kvaerner's ludicrous fantasy of building a 1,000 foot tower in the City, 25 per cent higher again than anything else in Britain, is compelling evidence that the big, swinging 1980s are back with a vengeance.

Canary Wharf's coup in securing Citibank. America's second-largest bank, to its less than half-completed Manhattan on the Thames is a serious blow to the City, however much the Corporation attempts to cover the loss with statesmanlike remarks about the two business districts fighting together to maintain London's pre-eminence as a financial centre in Europe.

building boom, the stakes are higher than ever in the ill-disguised scuffle to grab the highest-profile tenants. One or two more blue-chip banks making the move down river, coupled with the completion of the Jubilee Line in 18 months, and it could be an uphill struggle to persuade tenants to stay in the congested, polluted City.

That said, the City has good reason to view the Citibank move with some equanimity. It has won the battle with English Heritage to sweep aside some of the sillier planning restrictions and there are now more cranes over the Square Mile than at any time since the last boom. Whether the banks' rush to throw money at developments, or the developers' willingness to accept the loans, will make any more sense this time around is a moot point. Until banks can think of anything else to throw their money at, and as long as developers continue to dream of 1,000 foot monuments, the property roller-coaster will be alive and well. And one thing is certain: it will all end badly.

#### Inward investors must look to Labour

One of the oddest things about politicians of all shades these days is their tendency to seek the blessing of "business" and "the City" for all they do and say. The voice of ness is constantly cited to back this po-

The fact is that on the brink of the next | sition or that. This is perhaps a good thing wilding boom, the stakes are higher than | because if nothing else it indicates that politicians, whatever their party, have begun to take business and its views seriously once more. In truth, however, it's most of the time a disingenuous game; "business" has rarely

spoken with one voice on anything.

As we approach the election, the game gets more dishonest. Nissan's firm denial of a newspaper report that it would stop invest-ing in its Sunderland plant if a Labour Gov-ernment embraced the EU's Social Chapter, is a case in point.

Anybody who listens to what business people actually have to say, rather than the gloss Conservative Central Office and others want to put on it, would have spotted the implausibility of the report in the first place. Of course the business community is not keen on the idea of the Social Chapter, just as it is not keen on the national minumum wage. Both would mean more cost and less flexibility.

But for a foreign investor like Nissan, the Social Chapter is a minor issue. The key Euro-question is not whether Britain falls into line with the other EU countries on social standards, many of which big companies already satisfy. It is whether or not we

stay out of the single currency.

On this issue multinationals will be far more wary about a Tory government than a Labour one. The great success story of to dust if it looked as though a UK decision | ing management have been stripped out.

to opt out of the single currency would lead to gradual exclusion from European mar-

This is something which Kenneth Clarke, a politician well attuned to the needs of business, has stressed many times in his robust defence of the need to keep UK options on the single currency open. Labour is much more likely than a Tory government to join the single currency – although it has sensibly made few commitments on this front. It will also be much better placed to negotiate a reasonable deal for Britain in the event

that we stay out. Having squandered the community's goodwill towards Britain for the sake of appeasing his Euro-sceptic guerillas, Mr fajor is in a presty much hopeless, no-win position on this front. For inward investors at least, Labour looks a better bet than the

#### **Identity crisis** at WH Smith

Eight months into the chief executive's job Eat that great retail under-achiever, WH Smith, and Bill Cockburn is sticking to his script. The obvious horrors in Smith's closet have already been shaken, rantled and sold. Do It All, the real nightmare, has gone. The bloated head office has been cut down and record levels of inward investment will turn | shipped off to Swindon. Layers of pen-push-

So far, the City has applauded the aggressive shake-up, marking the shares sharply higher. But the jury is still out on longer term prospects for a WH Smith recovery.

The nub of the problem is still the core WH Smith chain. Beset all around by com-

petitors such as supermarkets and specialist chains, it is struggling to develop its own identity and struggling to drive sales and

margins higher.

The chain faces something of an identity crisis. What is WH Smith and what does it stand for? If it is a kind of mini-department store, with an unparallelled range, then it is risking its reputation by cutting its product lines by 29 per cent.

If it wants to compete on price, it will have to cut its already thin margins, a course it will be unwilling to follow.

If it is a convenience store, then good old Smiths will have to go back to selling eiggies

and sweetics. For all this, WH Smith remains one of the best known and most trusted brand names on the British high street. Only Marks & Spencer and Boots rank higher. It has an army of 7.5 million customers and a powerful position in sectors such as children's school supplies and Christmas gifts. With the new school year starting next week, sales should be going like a train.

Mr Cockburn ought to be able to do something with such an enviable position, even if his predecessors could not. But it looks like

# Twins accept Lloyd's plan despite 'betrayal'

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

Two thorns in the side of the Lloyd's insurance market, the identical twins Peter and Colin Vine, yesterday said they had reluctantly accepted the rescue offer which closed yesterday for UK members.

The 80-year-old twins became a *cause célèbre* in summer because their case demonstrated that Lloyd's £3.2bn rescue plan was treating members who paid their debts on time far worse than those who dug in their heels and refused.

Colin, the brother who paid, was left £123,000 worse off by who appear to have decided in against the offer, which now has the support of enough names to proceed after a meeting of the Lloyd's ruling conneil today.

But Lloyd's still risks a prolonged fight with as many as 3,000 of its 34,000 members who had not, by yesterday after-

Lloyd's announced that 90.2 per cent of the membership had accepted, and it said the proportion of the 2,700 American members who had voted in favour had risen from 53 per cent to 66.7 per cent since Tuesday. This was after a rush of acceptances from America in the wake of a US appeal court ruling on Tuesday that cleared the last secious obstacle to the rescue. American members have been given an extension of the deadline so the 90.2 per cent total could rise further.

The Vine twins said they had no alternative but to accept the the rescue than Peter, the broth- offer. Both joined Lloyd's at the er who refused. They are among same time in the 1960s and quit a large number of angry names active underwriting in 1990, and they were also members of the past few days not to hold out the same syndicates. But Colin Vine sold property and investments to raise cash and bring his payments to Lloyd's up to date after the Outhwaite syndicates to which he belonged got deeply into trouble.

forced the market authorities to draw down on the deposits he

had lodged with them. The detailed documents sent by Lloyd's last month to the two brothers showed that as a result of his intransigence Peter will be much better off than his brother, who supported the market through thick and thin. Peter Vine said he was due to pay £275,000 in final settlement of his account at Lloyd's but Colin Vine must pay £398,000. Peter Vine said: "We are very sad about it because in my opinion what Lloyd's has done to the names who have supported it compares to the betrayal at

the Last Supper. Judas Iscariot didn't do better than this." He added that the people who had saved Lloyd's should said pressure should be put on Lloyd's after the settlement went through to find some money to put right the wrong. Peter Vine said he had nev-

Peter Vine refused to pay any new money to Lloyd's after the of justice or fairness."

Colin Vine said: "I have accepted because I have no other choice." If he refused, he would lose another £87,000, which he said amounted to blackmail. Of Lloyd's, he said: "You can't trust them as far as you can throw a battleship.

The tax bill if he was forced to sell his investments now to pay the full debt would have wiped me out, but fortunately friends and family have rallied round. If it hadn't been for friends and family I would have been in a pretty bad way."

A letter from David Rowland Lloyd's chairman, suggested Colin Vine would benefit from help under Tranche 4 of the rescue plan, but he had already been told by other Lloyd's officials that he would get none. be compensated for what they ficials that he would get none. did, not savaged for it, and he Furthermore, the final offer from Lloyd's was nearly £90,000 worse than the provisional assessment he received in March. Some names confirmed their intention to refuse. "To hell with

er wanted to see Lloyd's it - I'm not going to accept," wrecked but he had wanted a said Alfred Doil-Steinberg.



Winners and losers: Brothers Colin and Peter Vine demonstrated the conflicting way Lloyd's treated its members

#### IN BRIEF

• Nasdaq, America's second-largest stock market, has been ordered by the Securities and Exchange Commission to end hidden privileges offered to major traders and begin giving equal access to individual investors. The SEC unanimously adopted new rules to reform order-handling procedures on the American exchanges and in particular on the technology-heavy Nasdaq. The changes will ensure that individual investors will be able to compete directly with dealers and institutional customers and be quoted the same prices for stocks. In a practice that has helped boost dealers' profits, until now individuals have often bought at higher prices than those made available to professional traders.

• Ciba-Geigy and Sandoz, the Swiss drug companies that plan to merge and form Novartis, said first-half net profit rose 6 per cent and 12 per cent respectively, lagging rival Roche Holding's increase. Net profit at Ciba rose to SFr 1.56bn (£840m) from SFr 1.5 billion francs, while Sandoz's earnings rose to SFr 1.241bn francs from SFr 1.112bn. Analysts said they were expecting profit increases of between 10 and 15 per cent.

 Production at France's factories unexpectedly rose 0.5 per cent in June, with a 5 per cent jump in car output offsetting a decline in consumer goods, the government said. In the quarter through June, manufacturing output rose 0.4 per cent from the first quarter, after the April and May figures were revised upward. Compared with the second quarter of 1995, manufacturing output fell 0.6 per cent, said the national statistics institute Insec. Bloomberg

• Provident Financial, the door-to-door personal loans and insurance company, yesterday announced a 16 per cent rise in first-half pre-tax profits to £47.5m. The company said a performance-related commission scheme for its 9,600 agents was reducing bad debt. Customer numbers were more than 1.2 million. Provident's insurance division, specialising in third-party cover, recorded a £1.6m drop in profits to £5.3m. Provident attributed this to its refusal to join the premium cutting war.

• Stagecoach, the Perth-based bus and train operator, said it was on course to sign an agreement next week for the purchase of the state-owned Swebus, Scandinavia's largest bus group, in a deal expected to worth up to £150m. Keith Cochrane, finance director, said confidentiality agreements prevented him commenting on the price, but added: "Negotiations and due diligence are progressing well and we expect to complete the transaction next week at some stage." Separately, Stagecoach said the £476m acquisition of Porterbrook, a rail car leasing company, had gone unconditional after shareholders accepted its offer. Negotiations are continuing over a £90m train order from Porterbrook for South West Trains, a railway operator franchised to Stagecoach.

• Unigate has agreed to sell the remaining part of its US restaurants business, Casa Bonita, to CKE Restaurants for \$42m (£27.1m). Operating profit at Casa Bonita for the year to March 1996 was \$4.6m. Estimated net assets are \$26.4m.

 Cruden Bay proposes to buy Kenton Utilities & Developments, a supplier of mechanical and civil engineering services, for up to £21.4m, which will be financed principally by a £17m placing and

 M&G Group said Sir David Money-Coutts would retire as nonexecutive chairman after the AGM in January. He will be succeeded by David Morgan, managing director. Michael McLintock, joint managing director of M&G Investment Management, will succeed Mr Morgan as managing director of M&G Group.

 Whithread said it had claimed about 81.4 per cent of the shares in Pelican Group, making its offer unconditional as to acceptances. By the first closing date yesterday, Whitbread had acceptances from holders of 67.7 per cent of Pelican and had bought a 13.7

## Surge in exports gives a trade balance boost to Government

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

Surging exports helped trim Britain's trade deficit in July, suggesting that another piece of the economic jigsaw is looking favourable for the Government. "Contrary to popular per-ception, export volumes are picking up," said Kevin Dar-

ington, an economist at City brokers Hoare Govett. Stronger consumer spendng had not led to the expected increase in imports, he added. So far, faster spending growth has fuelled neither inflation

nor imports. The improvement in exports reported in yesterday's official neures provides the first confirmation of recent industry surveys indicating better ex-

port orders. The latest CBI survey indicated a sharp improvement in manufacturers' optimism about future exports, despite the ap-parent weakness of key markets in Europe.

The gap between exports of in June. It had been expected goods to and imports from non-EU countries halved in July, falling to £506m. This was the smallest deficit since May 1995. The underlying balance, excluding oil and erratic items such as aircraft and precious stones, improved equally sharply, falling from £794m to

The shortfall in trade in goods with the rest of the world was almost unchanged at £1.1bn



to widen because previously published figures showed a sharp rise in the deficit with non-EU countries that month. The overall deficit for the first half of the year was £7.1bu, not

too far out of line with the Treasurv's recent forecast of £13.5bn for 1996 as a whole. The Office for National Statistics said the trend remained flat. The jump in exports to non-EU countries in July, at 8.7 per

cent, was the highest since mid-1993. North America and European countries outside the EÙ accounted for most of the improvement during the month.

The less voiatile figure for the three months to June showed a 5 per cent increase in the underlying value of exports compared with a 1 per cent increase

in import values. The volume trends were equally favourable, with exports up 3.5 per cent in the three months to July compared with a 0.5 per cent increase in im-

The overhang of excess stocks in industry has helped to subdue import growth, offsetting the normal impact of higher consumer spending on trade.

Jonathan Loynes, an economist at HSBC Markets, said: "These figures should lay to rest any immediate concerns that the recent pick-up in domestic demand - and in particular con-sumer activity - will have an adverse impact on the trade bal-

ance." A spokesman for the Treasury said: The figures continue to demonstrate strong export

However, Labour focused on the small increase in the whole world trade deficit in

Shadow Treasury chief sec retary Alistair Darling said: "This worsening trade gap con-firms the underlying imbalance in the UK economy.

"Britain has too small a mannfacturing base to sustain growth without a persistent trade deficit."

## Johnston to press on with expansion

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Johnston Press, the rapidly growing newspaper group, re-mains committed to expanding further in the rapidly consolidating regional market, despite the £205m acquisition of Emap's 65 titles announced

earlier this year. "We expect further consolidation, and we are always looking for opportunities." Tim Bowdler, managing director, said yesterday, announcing the

group's interim profits.

He added that the Emap acquisition, finalised on 1 July, was already being integrated into the group and that none of the titles would be closed or sold.

Despite the commitment to growth by acquisition, Mr Bowdler warned: "We will only do what we can afford to do, and we will not be going back to our shareholders." The Emap purchase was largely financed by a rights issue. He added that the company would acquire titles in

areas that fitted geographically, and all but ruled out buying the

southern newspapers put up for sale on Tuesday by United News & Media.

In additional to small independent groups, several midranking newspaper companies, including Portsmouth and Sunderland and Southern Newspapers, may soon be on the block, analysts believe.

Yesterday's interims from Johnston, the last set of results before it begins to consolidate the Emap titles, saw pre-tax profits rise 55 per cent to £12.6m, including exceptional gains on the sale of Bury Press to rival Newsquest in the period. Underlying profit growth was about 10 per cent. with operating margins ahead two points to 26 per cent.

Mr Bowdler said the period had been "patchy," and that advertising revenue had been dull, with volumes up just 2 per cent and revenues up 4.9 per cent.

A disappointing result from

the bookselling division had been expected, due to the collapse last year of the Net Book Agreement and a decline in pur-chases by local libraries.

#### Midlands Electricity to supply residential gas

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent** 

Midlands Electricity, which was taken over earlier this year by two US utility groups in a £1.8bn

deal, is to launch an assault on the residential gas market. Midlands was one of the first regional electricity companies to pile into the industrial gas business in 1992 with its subsidiary, Midlands Gas, which currently has around 10,000 customers.

However Midlands, which has 2.2 million electricity customers, trial of domestic competition currently under way for 500.000 homes in the South-west. Managers are still finalising

Midland's area in the second stage of the competition trial, due to take place next year in other parts of the South of England. Full competition for all households is planned by the gas watchdog, Ofgas, for 1998. Other regional electricity firms, including Sweb and East-

em, are already supplying gas to households in the Devon and Cornwall trial, though they found it harder to persuade people to move from British Gas than some observers had predicted. Midlands will also face decided not to take part in the stiff competition from oil and gas companies, including Total, which has a joint gas marketing venture with London Electricity.

The news emerged as Middetails of their plan, which will lands announced the retirement of its chairman, Bryan be formally amounced in the next couple of weeks. It could Townsend. He will be replaced begin by marketing gas outside from September by James Leva.

#### Virgin ads anger financial advisers

**NIC CICUTTI** 

A row has broken out between Virgin Direct, the financial services firm owned by cola-to-airline tycoon Richard Branson, and independent financial advisers, who claim they are being unfairly vilified in Virgin's advertisements.

IFA Promotion, a body which promotes the use of independent advisers, has written to the Advertising Standards Authority, complaining that Virgin's ads breach the ASA code of practice. In particular, IFA Promotion objects to Virgin's claims that it gives "value for point we have been trying to money" because it has nothing to do with salesmen or com-

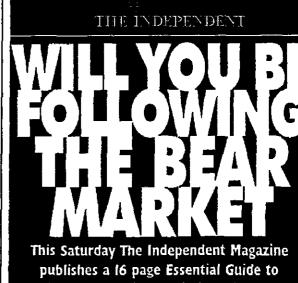
IFA body's chief executive, said: We are unhappy about a num- for comment.

#### ber of claims made in Virgin Direct's advertising. However, the crux of our argument is that

people who are considering life insurance need advice." Martin Campbell, product development manager at Virgin Direct, said: "It is ironic that we

should be attacked by IFA Promotion when we give its number to hundreds of customers who need advice about a prodnot in an area we do not cover. "Its attack on us is out of date. We have moved away from the

argument about commissions point we have been trying to make is that if the insurance industry did its job properly millions of people would be better Robert Browne-Clayton, the protected than they are today." The ASA was unavailable



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## business

# Where investment outweighs trade in free markets

There used to be no ambiguity about it. From colonial times until about 10 years ago the links between the developed economies and the developing ones "North" and "South" - consisted of a straight-forward spillover. Good times in the North made for good times in the South too, and vice versa, so dependent were the poorer countries on exports to the richer ones.

But times have changed. Not only are there more "reverse linkages" from the economies of the South to the exporters of the North, but the newly industrialising countries have actually shed their dependence on the pace of growth in the industrial world. So concludes a new working paper from the International Mon-

etary Fund\*. The most interesting aspect of the new research, however, is its analysis of why the links have changed. For it highlights an important change in the nature of trade, which has changed the meaning of free trade and the politics of free trade versus protectionism.

The synchronisation of Northern recession with slower Southern growth appears to have broken down in the late 1980s. Although this is too recent to draw firm conclusions, there seems to have been a structural change in the economies of the developing world, and mainly in South-east Asia. Northern growth has begun to depend on economic expansion in the South. According to the IMF, growth in the North would have been about half a point lower if Asia's GDP growth had remained constant in the early 1990s rather than climbing from below 6 to above 8 per cent.

The paper puts forward three re-lated explanations for the fact that Asia managed to buck the early 1990s recession in the industrialised world.



#### **ECONOMIC VIEW** DIANE COYLE

These are trade liberalisation and other structural reforms introduced by the region's most successful economies. their increasingly diversified exports and a huge increase in capital inflows. The first two are fairly obvious. Liberalisation has both helped improve productivity growth and made emerging financial markets more attractive to overseas investors. Diversification away from commodities and limited ranges of manufactured

export base in a relatively short time. This investment directly helps explain the rapid growth in some de-veloping countries during the early 1990s. Increased direct investment by multinationals offsets some of the traditional impact of the recession

Overseas investment by Northern companies has grown far faster than exports and imports, as the chart shows. An article in the latest issue of goods has made the economies less the Organisation for Economic Co-vulnerable to the business cycle in operation and Development's magathe Organisation for Economic Co-

Obstacles to foreign companies doing business on equal terms are pervasive

Yet it is the third, the increase in overseas investment, which is the most significant. Capital flows from North to South have risen dramatically since the late 1980s, with the increase in their value far outweighing the growth in the value of trade over the same time. For the first time, a large proportion of this investment consists of private capital. Much of it, whether direct or portfolio investment, reflects the deliberate diversification by in-ternational investors outside their own slow-growing economies. The foreign direct investment, in particular, has helped give the newly industrialising Asian countries access to advanced

zine argues that it is the growth of investment rather than trade as the international means of doing business which characterises "globalisation". It goes on to point out that the notion of market access, fundamental to free trade and ensurined in international trade agreements, needs to change in scope. It needs to include the freedom to set up business on equal terms within a country's borders as well as the freedom to ship goods across the borders. "The promotion of such neutrality between trade and investment - access and presence - as a means of doing business marks the realisation that they have become inherently complementary means of production technology and a broader contesting markets."

The OECD is drawing up a "multilateral agreement on investment" to try to set the ground rules for free trade when investment rather then exports and imports becomes the means of access to overseas markets. It is due to present a draft to minis-

ters next May. However, obstacles to foreign companies doing business on equal terms are pervasive and often deeply embedded in the host country's culture. It is enough to list the sorts of factors that unlevel the playing field to see how difficult the levelling might be: tax systems, labour and en-vironmental standards, industrial, competition policy.

The difficulties are reinforced by the growing importance of services a opposed to goods in conventional trade. For example, trade in cross-border engineering consultancy services is to be liberalised under the General Agreement on Services. To be effective, it ought to be accompanied by liberalisation in government pro-curement, mutual recognition of professional licensing regimes, deregulation of temporary entry for per-sonnel and the duty-free entry of the

software and equipment they need.
The OECD concludes that the
momentum towards free trade in a world where services and investment. are more important will prove a real test of governments' commitment to

In fact, the changing nature of international linkages sharpens the classic dilemmas posed by progress towards free trade. These are ac-knowledged in a new history of free trade by free-market Chicago pro-fessor Douglas Irwin\*\*. The theoretical case for free trade - that all countries can be made better off by INVESTMENT OUTPACES EXPORTS



Indian sweatshop: International labour standards have become trade - overlooks the likelihood a new battleground for protectionists Photograph: Dieter Ludwig

that within countries there will be winners and losers. It also ignores the fact that some countries can shift the terms of trade in their favour - raise the price their exports command overseas - by restricting trade. Free trade redistributes between countries as well as within them, even if one nation's gain from protection would

be dwarfed by other countries' losses. There is clearly a line of thought in some industrial countries that restricting the new forms of trade - say, the location of programming services in India by companies from a country advanced in the computer industry - will prevent unwanted redistribution of one kind or the other. High programming costs would favour the dozen countries with a significant software industry. Slower overseas investment could preserve manufac-

turing jobs in the North. Those who support these arguments tend also to make labour and environmental standards a battleground. Nobody thinks child or slave labour is acceptable, but it is those of a protectionist inclination who want to use multilateral trade agreements to outlaw it.

Some multinationals are in hot water in the US for using Third World factories perceived to be exploitative – such as Nike, which imports its running shoes from Indonesia. These areas, along with tax and competition policy, will prove the thorniest issues in international economic relations during the next decade. But the scale of foreign direct investment in the South suggests the tide is already too strong to be held back.
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Changed? IMF Working Paper, May
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# Weaver tots up lengthy ban

Racing

The Jockey Club handed down sentence on Jason Weaver yes-terday, giving Frankie Dettori the chance to lay his hands on

Double Trigger. Racing's rule-making body has not yet resorted to capital punishment, but in handing out a 21-day ban to Weaver for irresponsible riding its justice mirrors that of the state in as much as terms such as tottedup penalty points and suspended sentences have now entered racing's vernacular.

Weaver's ban came after he was reported to Jockey Club headquarters at Portman Square by the local stewards at Pontefract under the totting-up procedure, introduced by the expected to dominate the jock- my previous record as a jockey."

riding when finishing third on Sonderise at the West Yorkshire track 11 days ago, was his second such offence this season and his fourth offence in total following two bans for careless

Five days of his new sentence have been suspended until 1 January, 1997, meaning that the 24-year-old will be off the course from this Saturday until Wednesday, 18 September. He will miss the St Leger, the season's final Classic, and the ride on Double Trigger, whom he has partnered in 16 of his 17 races, in the Doncaster Cup. That mount has been offered to Frankie Dettori, himself no

Weaver and Dettori had been eys' champiouship this season,

stranger to the stewards this sea-

have sidelined their ambitions. Weaver, with 110 winners, lies in fourth place in the jockeys' list, 30 behind the leader, Pat Eddery. Dettori is in seventh place with 74 wins. Despite this latest setback,

Weaver accepted the Jockey RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP: The Gallopin major (Sedgefield 4.40) NB: Amazing Bay (Lingfield 4.00) Club's decision with refreshing

grace. "I had a fair hearing. Rules are rules," he said. "The part of my ban which is suspended for four months is usually deferred for six months but the stewards took into account Under the totting-up proce-

dure a jockey faces a mini-mum 14 days suspension if he is found guilty by the disciplinary committee. Weaver's ridjoint runners-up. The disciplinary committee's decision completed a Hills faming at Pontefract was therefore deemed itself to be worthy of a seven-day ban, although he will

further offences this year. That the modern Jockey Club is hardly staffed with hanging judges was illustrated later in the day when the en-treaties of Richard Hills were heeded by the Club's disciplinary committee. It quashed a four-day suspension for the rider and reinstated a winner.

only serve two days if he avoids

Hills had been found guilty of irresponsible riding on War-dara by the local stewards at Yarmouth last Thursday and was demoted from first to last. Yesterday the interference was deemed accidental. War-

dara was reinstated to first

place with the dead-heating L. A Touch, her stablemate, and Merrie Le Bow confirmed as

ily double of successful appeals. Last month, Richard's iwin brother, Michael, had faced missing the winning ride on Pentire in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes through suspension but had his ban reduced by the committee. Wardara's trainer, Chris

Dwyer, had been confident that Hills's powers of persuasion would apply equally forcefully in the committee room as in the

"I thought it was odds-on that Wardara would be reinstated and Richard would have his ban lifted," he said. "At the time I told the Yarmouth stewards they had made a dreadful mis-

Pearlyman, one of the out-

standing two-mile chasers of the

last decade, has been put down

at the age of 17. The winner of

the Queen Mother Champion

Chase in 1987 and 1988, is one

of a select band to have won at

the Cheltenham Festival three

years in succession, having also

Annual Chase.

triumphed in the 1986 Grand

The gelding, who had been

2.40 LANDFORM NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f

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Top two-miler Pearlyman

put down at the age of 17

in 1990.



take. The horses didn't actual-

ly touch, although they may have brushed. Richard rode a brilliant race, easing out behind the leaders to challenge.

'Unfortunately L A Touch, who shared the dead-heat and originally got the race, is no longer with me. His owner was upset about the result on the day, even though his horse shared first prize money. I think he wasn't pleased that I ran two

John Edwards, who trained

Pearlyman for his Cheltenham

wins, paid tribute to the bay:

"He was a wonderful horse

the Festival three years running

## **Dushyantor** is Leger favourite The home straight in the 1996 stand their ground include Der-Flat season came into view yes-mot Weld's Queen's Vase vie-

terday with entries announced for many of the biggest races of the autumn months. Chief among those tests is the St Leger, the prize-money for which could decide the destination of the trainers' champi-

Henry Cecil and Saeed bin Suroor hold five of the 21 Leg-er entries for the Leger. The pair, servants past and present to Sheikh Mohammed's racing empire, are separated by a lit-tle over £40,000 in the race for the title, some £300,000 clear of third-placed Mark Johnston.

Cecil, who has won the Leger four times, is three-handed for the £225,000 Pertempssponsored Classic, with the Oaks winner Lady Carla, Derby second Dushyantor and the progressive Flying Legend.

Bin Suroor, responsible for last year's winner, Classic Cliche, has Pricket, second to Lady Carla at Epsom, and the ing an injury when attempting a third Queen Mother victory March Stakes winner, Sharaf Kabeer, lined up for the race. Sharaf Kabeer has still got

a lot to prove but we were very pleased with him at the weekend and he is an intended St Leger runner." Godolphin's and a great servant. He won at spokesman, Simon Crisford, said. "We will make a decision and would have made it five if on Pricket next week."

Peter Chapple-Hyam holds he had been right.

"He had bad legs all his life five entries, with Chief Consuffering from a serious sinus but I thought the world of him. tender. Desert Boy, Heron Island, High Baroque and

tor Gordi, John Gosden's Derby third Shanton and Michael Stoute's Clerkenwell, winner of York's Ebor Handicap last Wednesday. But it is Cecil's Dushyantor

that heads the betting market. with Ladbrokes making the colt the 3-1 favourite for the race, "Dushyantor ran on with such purpose in the Derby that the St Leger looked the obvious target even then," the firm's spokesman, Ed Nicholson, said. The deadline for supplementary entries, made at a cost of £18,000, falls on 7 Septem-

ST LEGER (Doncaster, 14 September). Entries: One! Contender, Cerkenweil, Desert Boy, Double Leaf, Dushyantor, Flying Legend, Gordi, Heron Island, Herij Baroque, Jack Jennigs, Mongi Wamou, Khors, Samraan, Shantou, Shoral Kobeer, Sportan Heartbeat, St Mawes, Wilowander, Camanana, Jak Carla, Duskar

porese, Lady Carla, Pricket.

BETTING: Leidurokes: 3-1 Dushyantor, 7-2 Mons, Shariaf Kebeer, B-1 Heron Island, 10-1 Gord, St Mawes, 14-1 Clorkenwell, 16-1 Chief Contender, Flying Logend, Jack Jennings. Shantou, 25-1 Camporese, Mongol Wamor, 33-1 Desert Boy, Double Leaf, 40-1 High Beroque 50-1 Samraan, Spartan Heartheat, Wijawander, With a rur. 5-1 Lady Carla, Doubttul runner: Procket.

5-1 Lady Carla, Doubtful runner: Procket.
CHAMPION STAKES (Newmarket, 19
October) Entries: Alhaarth, Android, Annus Mirabris, Bequesin, Bijou D'Inde, Birt Shadayd, Bosra Sham, Carling, Damancher, Dance Design, Delaraun, Definite Andele, Ela-Arstoluzel, Even Top, First Island, Flemensfuth, Glory Of Dencer, Grape Tree Road, Garboet Dipiomacy, Haling, Khalisa, Last Second, Mannurame, Mark Of Esteem, Oscar Schindler, Partiar Glace, Pilsudski, Polaris Flight, Procket, Ragmar, Ryadian, Ruznama, Shaamit, Singspel, Skilbene, Sorbie Tower, Spectrum, Spinning World, Stratego: Choice, Tamayaz, Tamure, Timarida, Valanour, Wall Street, Worm, Zagreb.

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4 tor; 2. Blue Rawen 11-4; 3. Seracca's Bby 33-1. 5 ram. 23, dist. (K Bairyi, Tota: £3.70; £1.50, £1.30, DF: £2.90, CSF: £8.18.

5.00: 1. NORTH END LADY Mr R Thornton) 33-1; 2. Marketsion 4-7 fox; 3. (Sabriolis General 33-1. 9 rss. 1/-, 1. (W Cunnagram). Tota: £21.20; £4.90, £1.10.

£3.80, Dual Forecast, £19.40, CSF: £54.01

Trio: £33.40. Non Runner, Grey Darto.

Placepot: £23.90, Quadpot: £5,70, Place 6: £26.39, Place 5: £15.33.

ost: £1.50, CSF: £3.18.

Placepot: £15.20. Quadpot: £7.30. Place 8: £9.89. Place 5: £5.05.

#### Whitbread call time on the Mackeson

It still looks good, tastes good houses both beers, into the eson, which has struggled to cast and maybe even does you good, change. eson, which has struggled to cast off its "Ena Sharples" image, change. but Mackeson is no longer good enough to be associated with the handicap chase that is the traditional curtain-raiser to ception in 1960, will now be the National Hunt season each November. The much trendier Irish stout Murphy's is to replace its less fashionable stablemate as the name attached

to the Cheltenham race. phy's is outselling Mackeson by the bucketload to the thimble, prompting Whitbread, which

2.00 Dowry 2.30 Pleasureland

3.00 Sword Arm

3.30 Kennemara Star (nb)

Mackeson, under whose banner the two-and-a-half mile chase has been run since its inmoved to one of the supporting races on the card.

"Unlike most other big-race name changes over the years, this one is not caused by a sponsor pulling out," Jeremy Wilton, With Irish theme pubs re-placing the traditional English bread, said. "On the contrary, boozer at every corner, Mur-phy's is outselling Mackeson by sponsor, we remain totally committed to the sport."

The decline in sales of Mack-

4.00 FOND EMBRACE (nap)

4.30 Artikos

GOING: All-weather track - standard; Terf - good.

STALLS: All-weather - inside; Terf (stought course) - stands side; 1m 3f 105yd - conside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: On torf, high 5f to 7f 140yds: Equirack, low in sprints.

Expurack all-weather surface; left-hand, slwap undulating course.

Course is SE of town on B2028. Lingfield station (served by London, Victocia) adjoint course. ADMISSION: Members £13, Tastersulis £9; Silver Ring £5. CAR PARK: Glub \$3; remainder free.

namers gives a success ratio of 22.2% and a profit to a 51 level state of 55.04; R Ham-non — 46 winners, 336 runners, 13.7%, -\$42.17; A Moore — 44 winners, 450 runners, 9.87%, -\$48.25; M Johnston — 42 winners, 257 runners, 10.3%, -\$28.10.

+9.65; T Quinn — 68 winners, 407 rides, 18.7%, -582.84.
BLINEEED FIRST TIME: Castle House (2.00); Village King (4.30); Zocky Waters (vi-

sorve) & Joliso (6.00).
WINNERS IN THIS LAST SEVEN DATS: None,
LONG-DUSTANCE ETNIKESS: Pearl Anadomizery (2.30) & Sad Mad Bed (3.30) have been sent 270 miles by M-Johnston from Hiddleham, N Yorks, Lucky Parkes (4.00) sont 265 miles by J Berry from Cockerhain, Laines.

2.00 HEINEKEN CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 21/0 of Penalty Value £2,643

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bet House, 9-1 Mischief Star, 10-1 Belle's Boy, 12-1 ethers
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PORM GUIDE
MISS PRISSA, demosad to that after running light to a head at Nothingham in July, went
of favourise there 12 days later but, having gone laters, was besten out of sight against
Classac Affair. Mess Prism, from John Durlop's in-form stable, can recoup losses provided
she takes to this surface. Pat Eddery takes the ride. Pleasareland, third in his last two
states, the most recent behind Peradiae Navy and Christ Lad over course and distance,
could be a big danger. Belle's Boy scorned by als langths at Warwick in April and was having has test outing since being gelded when at the ruck behind Shirley See at Southwell last
from in May, has havie affailsted Uniter-up there since, the latest when bestern nine lengths
by State Approval three weeks ago with the third a dozen lengths seaty, he had experience
of this surface when a 16-length fourth in a seller in June.

Selection: MSS PRISM

3.00 H P BULMERS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV I) £4,250

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3.30 H P BULMERS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV II) £4,250 added 270 7f 140yds Penaity Value £3,174

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ELEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: Lord Buntingson — 49 win

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ELEADING JOCKETR L Dettor! — 84 winners, 342 tries, 24.6%, +£15.28; E Co

5.00 Sheep Imp

was the reason cited by Wilson for the change.

"With the sweet stout market much smaller than it was in the Sixties and Seventies, it is Murphy's which has shown dramatic growth in recent years. "The size of Murphy's com-

pared to Mackeson in the market is a reality to which, sooner or later, we had to respond." The National Hunt fraternity is hardly known for its love of change but, like the Murphy's, the leading trainer David Nicholson is not bitter.

Nicholson, who saddled Very Promising to victory in the race in 1986 and Another Coral in 1991, said: "It is always sad when they change the old names but you have got to go forward, and I would prefer to drink Murphy's than Mackeson any day. "I endorse the sponsor's

Murphy's every day for lunch in The Richard Hughes-ridden Daring Destiny, trained by Karl Burke, foiled last year's winner, Hever Golf Rose, in the Group Two Jacobs Goldene Peitsche at

product - my missus drinks

problem, was plagued by leg He was an easy horse to place, Baden Baden yesterday. FORM GLIDE

INCLINATION was a 25-1 shot when making her debut at Salksbury two weeks ago but befied those odds with a tremendous stift, making the numbing and quickening clear at the
two-furion pole only to be worn down close home and beaten haif a length by Courtes,
the market leader. Michael Stenshed's Rily, drawn one off the stands side in stall eight,
can soon be at the head of affairs and she will take some pegging back on this sharp track.
Sall Med Bad, looking in need of the race, was easy to back at Newcastie Ril' three weeks
ago on his single start so far. Mark Johnston's coft, a son of Kertucky Derby hero Sumy's
tisto, finished mind of tour behind Mystic Circle but, was beaten only two and a quarter lengths
and will improve quite a bit, especially over this extra furlong. John Gosden's Quest For
Best, a son of 1990 Derby victor Quest For Fame, is a newcomer to note.

Salections: NCLINATION

Selection: INCLINATION
WADWORTH 6X CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,850 added 5f Penalty Value £5,066
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	THAT MAN AGAIN (62) (D) (J Dully & Mr P D Jameson) G Lews 4 9 0	BLINEERED FIRST TIME: Burnchois Led (2.50), Termon (v sored, 3.50).
63-110		WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Just Lady (4.50) has been sent 40
		miles by W Transer from Corton Denham, Somerret: Hello Delly (3.2)
00202		& Scathebury (3.50) have been sent 370 miles by K Barler from Gh ge, Oxfordshire: Celevesh (4.20) sent 367 miles by P Cole from Wha
胜41		combe, Oxfortshire; Laner Manie (2.50), Stride (3.20) & Sougaber
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FORM SUIDE

Five wins and two seconds from eight outings this season — that's FARMOST'S record this season. From the in-form Sir Mark Prescot stable, my selection had experience of this surtace when a length nature-up behind Accountancy test December and he runs of a 15th lower rating than in his last tull race — when second to Salesman have. Four Of Species lower rating then in his last turf rate — when second to Saleemah here. Four Of Speakes has won twee times on the Equipticit, once at today's trip, and might proude most danger despite his helfy burden. Sharp hisp and Roday Waters are both course winners over six furiongs. The former bost Poul Burghyne's runner more than two lengths into fourth at Brighton times weeks ago and meets him 3D better. Robay Waters don't get the best of runs at the Sussex track but would not have won in any clase. He is on a long losing sequence and is tied in a worr this time. Sharp long, lothy besten a neck and the same by Crystal Heights and Melions on a return to the Sussex track but only fourth (of flee) to Melions there lest time, will not be far away. Our Shaden has won five traces over at here and gets seven but it as doubtful whether he will be good enough to give 80 to the selection, and his rider, Chris Scolly, can no longer claim the 7th ellowshob. Speedy Classic has sorred four times on this surface, once at the trip, but has lost his way in recent races.

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# One-day success cannot cure England's ailments

DEREK PRINGLE

Cricket Correspondent

Three days after a painful Test and series defeat at the hands of a resurgent Pakistan, Michael Atherton must try to pick up his side and win the Texaco trophy. But if the Texaco has traditionally put the petrol in Englateness of this three-match setered willnower to the limit.

It will not be easy, despite the very different squad assembled inclusion of new faces. Neither, to play India. Since then, six on the evidence of past seasons, will it be significant. England have often won the limited-overs series (eight out of the last 10) only to be thrashed in the Tests and, although a win over Pakistan would soothe some fevered brows, it will not identify those adept at winning land's early season tank, the matches over the longer distance.

It is not even guaranteed to ries could test his team's bat- sift out our best one-day players either. Three months ago a Knight will open for England, swing reduce batting to simply

changes have been made (Chris Lewis the only enforced one). including the shelving of the pinch-hitter: a decision David Lloyd says can be put down to the increased pace of Pakistan's opening bowlers - Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis.

Instead, in today's series opener at Old Trafford, the right hand-left hand combination of Atherton and Nick on before yorkers and reverse

the free-scoring Alec Stewart a matter of survival. A start that tines, unable to use the waterback in his Surrey role at No 3. a rejuvenated Stewart is best

Considering that Stewart was England's best batsman during the Tests, the wisdom of this is not entirely clear. True, the two quicks will not be able to go in for that lethal throat and toecap combination of theirs the former not allowable under one-day rules - but, as world experts at the latter, England will need to score their runs early

equipped to give them.

The batting will need to be long, too. At least that is the conclusion of England's coach after looking at the pitch, which is dry and cracked. Apparently the groundsman, Peter Marron, has had trouble with his grass roots, and the square looks patchy and rough.

Who misses out was not a decision that was taken yesterday, as England stuck to fielding rou-

logged nets. With no Dominic Cork, Atherton is bound to want Darren Gough in his starting line-up. The Yorkshireman's ebullience has been missed and many feel he is ready

for a return to the big time.
"I feel I've done well this season," Gough said yesterday. "I've bowled over 500 overs for Yorkshire and my body has stood up to it. The experience has made me more mature and responsible than I was two

worse bowler but I've not turned into a line and length howler either."

Dean Headley appeared to be taking his impending break-through to the big time rather calmly. With two recent hattricks in consecutive county matches, Kent's opening bowler is certainly on a roll. In fact, when he got his hat-trick against Derbyshire, he asked the victims to sign the ball. One of those

years ago when I first played for who signed was Dean Jones. England. I'm certainly not a who instead of putting his usual smiley face in the O of his surname, drew a sad face in its place. England will be overloved if Pakistan's batsmen come off sporting a similar countenance. SULVALLING O SHIRMAN COMMITTEE HORIZON, BEIGNARD (INDRING) MA ARberton (Lancatron, Continue) A 5 Stevenst (Survey, Will, B P Thomps: Survey, M P Meyanard (Survey, Will, B P Thomps: Survey, M P Meyanard (Survey, Will, B P D Loyd (Lancatron), R C trent (E. 1984), A 3 Meditedia (Survey, R D B Credit (Gamengray), D Gough Articlaton), D W Headley (Kett), P J Mercha (Lancachure, A D Mullicht), Luncosporation



# Boardman smashes world record in style

**GUY HODGSON** reports from Manchester

For a minute yesterday, Chris Boardman's striving appeared to be about to deflate like a previously by a second. punctured tyre. At the World Track Championships, he was trailing his old adversary Jens stretched out over extended Lehman and the Manchester Velodrome recoiled in shock.

Were the pumped-up words

tion on his specially modified bike, but the result was spectacularly mundane. After a quarter of the 4,000 metres pursuit, he was trailing the man he had beaten to win a gold medal in Barcelona four years

Then Boardman took off. His new position, arms handlebars, gives the upper torso an appearance of flight and the 28-year-old Mersey-

His German opponent, who started on the other side of the track, went from cat to mouse in a few huge lunges from Boardman's surprisingly spindly looking legs. At 2,000m, the hunter had become the hunted and Britain's most celebrated cyclist was two seconds in front.

Wheels of fortune: Chris Boardman pedals his way to a new world record at the Manchester Velodrome yesterday, taking more than six seconds off the previous mark

At 2min 10.784sec, he was already inside the world record mark set by the Italian Andrea Collinelli en route to gold in Atlanta, but after such a topsy-turvy of the previous day about world sider, after his initial flaps, was start, you wondered at the effects records empty? Boardman had areing round the track as if he of the effort required to drag an

Instead of buckling under the got faster. By 3,000m, he no longer had to worry about his opponent because he had caught and passed him. As he clocked a staggering 4:13.353. whirled round in a blur of red, white and blue, it became merely a matter of how much the record would be broken by.

On the previous day, Boardman had been asked whether times would be around the 2:19.699 that Collinelli had set in Atlanta. "I will be more sur-

You need not have bothered. not broken than if it was," he had replied. And as he apacceleration, Boardman just proached the finish, it was clear to see why. The 2:19 barrier had been demolished - by six seconds, as Boardman

> position," Boardman, who later reached today's semifinals, said. "It's making a big difference. It's very aerodynamic. After that we have a very good bike and I'm profiting from the work I did in the

"The main thing is the new

Tour de France."

the first, Levenson's caddie

told him: "Listen, you are go-

ing to miss them today. It

Torrance, with a crew-cut and

a goatee beard after a two-week

holiday in Jamaica, broke the

trend of those having been away

from the game returning in style

and was five over with two to go

when play was abandoned be-

cause of flooded greens. Woos-

nam, at the same point, was three under after 14 holes, but Per

Haugsrud, of Norway, was dis-

qualified for failing to resume his

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round after the first break.

doesn't make any difference.'

Eight birdies followed.

gold medal had been put down to motor racing's Formula One technology that had designed his Lotus bike, but Lehman had known differently. "I was beaten by the man, not the machine," he said. As Boardman listed just about everything but himself yesterday, you would have expected the German to

have repeated those senti-Certainly Boardman looked way ahead of the opposition in against Edouard Gritsoun, he

at one point taking two seconds out of him in a matter of two laps. The result was a formality a long way before the finish and Gritsoun was cycling slowly, watching in admiration.

Boardman had indicated that a second record was unlikely, but he came mighty close. At 2,000m, he was just a fraction behind the blistering pace of the morning and by the finish he was just over a second the quarter-final. Competing adrift in 4:14.784. More, you

suspect, is likely today.

#### TCCB snubbed by Surrey over Lewis

Surrey yesterday refused a request from the Test and County Cricket Board to omit Chris Lewis from their Championship match with Warwickshire at The Oval, which begins today.

The TCCB had asked Surrey. who are challenging for the title, to leave the all-rounder Lewis out of the team to face Warwickshire, the defending champions, as part of the disciplinary action taken against him for reporting late for the

Test against Pakistan on Sunday. He was then dropped from the England squad for the Texacu Trophy one-day internationals. Michael Soper, the Surrey chairman, said: "We feel that this punishment is harsh but fair and that it should not be taken forward to prevent him playing for his coun-ty to whom he is contracted."

#### CRICKET SCOREBOARD

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# Montgomerie sets his mind to task ahead

ANDY FARRELL reports from Collingtree Park, Northampton

In teeing off early yesterday morning. Colin Montgomeric had two advantages over his Order of Merit rival Ian Woosnam. Montgomerie had first use of the Collingtree Park greens that are anything but, completing his first round in the One 2 One British Masters without interruption.

Woosnam was twice held up by thunderstorms and will have to resume along with half the

greens losing their dye.
They obviously don't look

impressive," Montgomerie said of the browns, "but they putt better and were truer than they appear." The Scot returned a four-under-par 68, with only South Africa's Gavin Levenson better placed on 66, as is only to be expected after day one of the qualification period for the 1997 European Ryder Cup team.

This season's money-list title is of more importance to the big Scot and the wee Welshman. and Monigomerie has seen off the challenge of Nick Faldo, field at 7.30 this morning. The Seve Ballesteros and Sam Tor-

a year ago in spite of Torrance winning this title.

But Woosnam has gained an advantage over the others by following the advice that if you cannot beat Montgomerie, then use his coach. Bill Ferguson has guided Woosnam to four wins this year and a £51,000 lead on the Order of Merit over Montgomerie, whose form has dipped. It had to happen that Bill would work with other people," Mont-gomerie said. "I'm surprised it did not happen earlier.

Montgomerie has been moonlighting with putting expert Harold Swash on the prac-

accompanying rain left the rance in the last three years, and tice green, but denies a split with Ferguson. "I am not particularly practising this week, my mind is elsewhere," he said. His father, James, suffered a heart attack last week and is in hospital in Glasgow after a triple-bypass operation. Montgomerie picked up a club for the first time in two

weeks on Monday, while Levenson has not played a tournament since June, nor earned a cheque since March. He was an alternate for the event until Monday evening, when Mark McNulty withdrew, and only arrived from Johannesburg on Tuesday morning.

After missing a six-footer at

#### **Redgrave ponders Olympic return**

Steven Redgrave yesterday revealed he is on the point of reversing his decision to retire from competition after the Olympic Games in Atlanta. And the 34year-old from Marlow added he has already set his sights on the possibility of winning a recordbreaking fifth successive gold in Sydney in 2000.

Redgrave's revelation came on a day when he was acclaimed champion of champions at a ceremony in London. He was ho-

noured by Royal Mail, official sponsors of the British team, as the "Olympian who best em-bodies the Olympic spirit", while BBC Radio Five Live awarded him the listeness choice prize for best Olympic achievement".

Speaking on Radio Five Live yesterday, Redgrave said: Rowing has been my life for 20 years and I still love it. I'm only 34, in Sydney I'll be 38. That wouldn't be too old. I think I'm capable, the only question is whether I'm capable of having the enthusiasm of doing the training for the next four years."

Carling was a puzzled man yesterday, claiming he had not heard from the England management all summer and cortainly had not been given any warning of his axeing from the

Carling, still only 30, insisted: "I am desperate to play for England, as always. I can't see any reason why I can't be considered. I want to play for Eng-land and age is not an issue." Even so, he was clearly dis-

appointed not to have heard from Rowell prior to the news breaking. "I haven't been told anything about the rationale behind the squad," he said. "No one's been in communication with me, but why should they?" Carling, who led England to 44 wins in his 59 matches in

yesterday, could well release him to undertake that role. Carling was fulsome in his praise of Connolly, however, and called the Great Britain international "probably the best ugby centre in Britain".

ments and have trained as hard

as ever. I hope to be even fit-

ter and make a more influential

Where he will exert that in-

fluence from is a moot point. He

begins the season at centre in

the Courage League opener

against Gloucester on Saturday,

but he has said he wants to

switch to stand-off. The arrival

ly, whose signing by Quins along with that of the Bradford

Bulls captain and scrum-half

Robbie Paul was confirmed

contribution than last season."

For his part, Connolly was cautious about taking up the 15man code. "I have only played rugby union once before," he admitted, "for Wigan against Bath last May. My short-term ambition is to settle in and concentrate on playing well for Harlequins for the time being. It is hoped Connolly will make &9 his Quins debut against Cardiff on 11 September - if the proposed Anglo-Welsh tournament goes ahead.

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## Quinnell strides back a league ahead It was that try that did it. From son why Welsh rugby would re-

the moment Scott Quinnell ran emerge from a decade of misfor the line in Cardiff, with four ery. He may have won only nine Frenchmen bouncing off him in caps, but Scott Quinnell was a desperate attempts to stop him, player the Welsh could boast the world of rugby took notice. Here, quite possibly, was the

new star of Welsh rugby union,

following in the footsteps of his

It seems a lifetime ago now, but back in 1994, when there was only one professional code father, Derek, and his uncle, of rugby. Quinnell was too big Barry John. Here was the rea- a prospect, and too poor a

lan Stafford meets the prodigious rugby talent recruited by Richmond after his productive spell at Wigan

union man, not to be snatched wanted me to leave," he says. up by the giants of rugby league, Now, 18 months later, and

still only 23 years old, he returns once more as a union man and a pretty wealthy union man when he turns out for the money men from the English Second Division, Richmond, who face Maesteg in a friendly on 31 August. He then travels to Coventry on 7 September for the start of a campaign which both he and the club hope will end with promotion to the

big league. So was the trip up north worth it? "Without doubt," he insists. "I won everything there is in the game, except a cup medal, and I represented Wales and reached the World Cup semi-final. My eyes were opened to a whole new way of playing rugby. I learned what it was like to be really fit, and professional. Although I had no idea at the time, it has prepared me well for my return to rugby union, now that it, too, has

turned professional." Judging by the reception Scott Gibbs received in Wales after he left Swansea to join St Helens, Quinnell got off light-ly when he broke the news that he was leaving Llanelli. "It was almost as if they

"But it got a lot easier for me

"I've never quite been able to work it out. I was expecting some terrible flak, but I'd say that 90 per cent of the people were behind me. I announced my decision on the Friday, and the following day I went down to Stradey Park to watch Llanelli play Pontypool. Everyone there seemed to wish me

Although the call from Wigan was out of the blue, Ouinnell, after consultation with his wife, father and uncle, needed little time to be persuaded. "Basically my Dad and Barry wanted what I wanted, and did not attempt to stop me lcaving Wales," he says, "Like everyone else, there was little going on in Wales, and I had my three-year-old daughter's security to think of. I was also genuinely interested to give league a go, because I believed it suit-

ed my style of play."

And did it? "In the end, but it was a hell of a shock at first. They kept playing me in the seconds in order to let me find my way. I kept asking to be given a crack in the first team, and when they did, after five or six games, I could see why they were holding me back. It was only against Rochdale, but afterwards I was looking for-

ward to playing for the seconds

by the end of the first season, and I played all my matches for the firsts last season. I wouldn't say I'd cracked it, but I was a much better player when I left, and I will be a better union player for the experience." Which is good news for Rich-

mond who, together with fellow Second Division club Newcastle, have ambitions to become one of the dominant forces in English rugby before not too long. Like his Wigan decision, it took little time to be sold on the Richmond ticket. "I was impressed by the oth-

er players they d signed, by the way they outlined their package to me, their plans for their whole structure and, to be honest. I always saw myself as a union man. I'd been playing the game since I was eight, so by coming to Richmond, although not geographically, I feel as if I am returning home again to my\_sport."

The next few weeks will be interesting times for both Quinnell and his club. Will the money pumped into the club by the businessman from Moute Carlo, Ashley Levett, start to pay off, and will Quinnell make the start he is looking for, both for Richmond and possibly for Wales, and if so, in what

"As far as I'm concerned, I'm playing at No 8," is Quinnell's



answer to that, even though England's Ben Clarke has joined as club captain.

"I have no intention of playing in the Second Division next year, and I have no doubts that won't be. As for Wales, the plan is to try and make the side as soon as possible, but I know that I can't expect to just walk

While there will be few doubts about that, one thing is certain: two former luminaries of Welsh union are quietly raising their glasses over Quinnell's return to his first sport. "My dad and uncle have al-

ways supported me." Quinnell says, "but I know they're both delighted that I'm back in union. That's where I really be-

#### Carling is left out of England squad charge, added: "This summer ! have had no playing commit-

DAVID LLEWELLYN

All Will Carling did last March was to step down as England captain, but before he has passed a ball in anger, his international career is being written off, fuelled by the decision of the England coach, Jack Rowell, to leave out an illustrious quartet of players, Rory Un-derwood, Jeremy Guscott, Dean Richards and Carling, from his next month of the Wigan rug-by league centre Gary Connollatest training squad at Bisham Abbey next Wednesday. Once more, the England management insisted nothing should be read into the omissions.

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#### Ivanisevic avoids further ignominy hdan Ulihrach in five sets, Ros-In addition, his slice backhand ~ normally a safety shot

Three men's seeds fell in the first round of the US Open at New York, but the biggest sur-prise of of the Grand Slam's second day was that Goran Ivanisevic was not one of them.

The fourth-seeded Croat beat the Russian Andrei Chesnokov 1-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 under the lights on a balmy night to end a fouryear run of New York misery.

Since reaching the fourth round in 1991 the talented Croat, twice a Wimbledon runner-up, had been on a steady and stunning downward spiral at Flushing Meadow. A thirdround loss in 1992 was followed by a second-round defeat in 1993 and then two firstround defeats in 1994 and 1995.

This year, Ivanisevic fought back from losing the first set 6-1 to avoid joining the 14th-seeded Spaniard, Alberto Costa, the 15th-seeded Marc Rosset of Switzerland, and Richard Krajicek, the fifth-seeded Dutch

Costa, fell to the Czech Bo- the first two.

set was defeated by the American Jared Palmer in four and Krajicek was the victim of an unlucky draw and an off day, losing to Stefan Edberg in straight sets. The Swede, champion in 1991 and 1992, is playing in his final Grand Slam

While Tim Henman produced a thoroughly workmanlike performance in difficult conditions, his fellow Briton Greg Rusedski's miserable run in this event continued when he crashed out at the first hurdle.

Henman, 21, won 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 against the 25-year-old Brazilian Roberto Jabali, a "lucky loser" who had replaced the injured Mats Wilander. Henman now plays the American Doug Flach, who caused the surprise of this year's Wimbledon when he beat Andre Agassi

Rusedski, who has yet to win a match at Flushing Meadow in three attempts, slumped 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 to Germany's Hendrik Dreekmann. Rusedski had the worst possible start, dropping his opening service game and serving five double-faults in hardly functioned at all, and he was two sets down before he got a break point, which he was unable to convert. "Hendrik played very well. You can't give a player like him

the start I gave him. I don't think I could have done any-thing different with the first two sets, but I just wasn't playing well enough to take my chances," Rusedski said. The women's holder, Steffi Graf, had to work hard for her

6-3, 7-6 win over 29th-ranked Indonesian Yayuk Basuki. "I won the second set, which I didn't think I would do, being down 5-2 and the chances she had at 6-5," Graf said. Several of the other women's seeds had less difficulty reaching the second round. Sozin's

Conchita Martinez, the fourth seed, thrashed the Romanian Ruxandra Dragomir in 58 minutes with the loss of just two games, one more than the second seed Monica Seles, who opened the second-day programme by crushing her com-



Goran Ivanisevic hits a forehand during his victory over the Russian Andrel Chesnokov in New York

# **Brown's red carpet for Ferguson**

Football

RUPERT METCALF

Craig Brown is hoping that the man who has terrified Premiership defences so far this season can do the same on the world stage - starting in Vienna this Saturday.

For various reasons, Duncan Ferguson has rarely been available to the Scotland manager, so Brown is hugely relieved that the Everton target man is tional appearance for 20

r seven months last season

uld leave the legacy of a re-

rring problem in his career.

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ssed suggestions that he faces other long lay-off after miss-

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Anderton, 24, will be work-

atment to combat the latest

erton last weekend.

But Anderton, whom Eng-

Scots' opening World Cup qual-ifier. "Duncan has never been this fit and this ready for us," Brown said yesterday at his squad's hotel in Dunblane. "It one of his racing pigeons. Scotland, who fly to Vienna house one injury of him, and up to him to take his chance. At his age he could be around indefinitely."

Ferguson missed Euro 96 with a groin injury and has yet to score in five senior appearances, with the last coming against Greece in December 1994. Injury, suspension and a ail sentence for assault have

the next Spurs game at Wim-bledon next Wednesday, but

I'm certainly looking to be fit to

play again as soon as possible.
"It is a big blow for me to miss

the England game, but I had such a bad time last season that

just starting the new one fit and healthy was wonderful for me.

The last operation I had was a

big one and even though I

came back at the end of last sea-

never able to train very much.

ready to take his place in Scot- after breaking down with a land's attack alongside Ally

this afternoon, have one injury worry. Colin Hendry, the Blackburn defender, is awaiting the result of a scan on a groin problem that has been bothering him all season.

Barry Hunter, Reading's £400.000 summer signing from Wrexham, has withdrawn from the Northern Ireland squad for Saturday's World Cup qualifi-

Anderton hoping to make early return

attenham's Darren Anderton two more months," he said, around the injury has become weights and having treatment, \_\_\_\_\_\_ The Porto striker Domingos

properly and not push things too

far when I'm not 100 per cent."

action to the surgery Anderton

had last winter, the second of two

hernia operations removing a large piece of muscle which had

become irreparably damaged.
"Tve still had aches and pains

and it may be something that keeps happening from time to time," he said. "But if I have to

miss a few matches now and

There has been inevitable re-

knee injury during a training session in his home town of Coleraine on Monday night. The 27-vear-old defender sees a specialist today to assess the extent of the injury. "It's a blow, for Hunter had

been playing exceptionally well and established an excellent partnership with Colin Hill," said Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager. Arsenal's Steve Morrow has been added to the squad to provide defensive cover - Barnsley's Gerry Taggart was unavailable because of a hamstring injury. first Group Seven game.

improvement."

His Tottenham team-mate

aged an ankle in the Everton an operation at Oporto's San-

Chris Armstrong, who dam-

problem is a medial ligament

the worst that means four weeks

at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday, prepared for the World Cup qualifier with a 6-1 win over the League of Wales side, Cwmbran Town, on Tuesday. Both Dean Saunders, troubled by blisters, and Mark Pembridge, who has an ankle injury, sat out the game but Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, was happy with the warm-up. "It was very important for them to play together again after a long spell apart," he said. His team last

won 5-0 in San Marino in their

stamped, they will be denied aclmits that the groin injury "but I don't read that nonsense, a little bit sore and weak. I'm but I'm hoping that by the start will miss Portugal's World Cup cess. "We were originally told Peter Taylor, the coach, had uich kept him out of football I don't know if I will be back for determined to look after myself of next week there will be a big qualifier against Armenia and that there wouldn't be a probcould be out for up to five lem, but at the 11th hour we've months after tearing knee lig-aments. Domingos underwent found out that there could well be one." Steve Double, an FA spokesman, said. "The fans who game, is hopeful he will be ta Maria hospital yesterday af-

> which he has had before and at vice-president of Porto, was in charge of the operation and said

#### **Fans warned about** visas for Moldova

England followers preparing to travel by train to Glenn Hoddle's first match in charge in Moldova this weekend were warned vesterday they must have valid visas before they try to enter the former Soviet state.

About 100 England supporters with tickets for Sunday's game are known to be planning to set off on a two-day train journey, changing trains in the Romanian capital, Bucharest.

The Moldovan authorities had informed the Football Association that supporters with tickets could pick up their visas when they reached the border and then travel on to Kishinev. However, officials at Lan-

caster Gate have now been told that unless fans turn up at the border with visas already haven't got visas yet must get squad of 19.

Achilles as we first feared. The Dr Mario Beca, who is also supporters get to the game at was doing all it could to help the 20,000-capacity Republi-can Stadium. "We've appealed

ed the Moldovan consulate to agree to open on Saturday. It will be open from 8am to 7pm local time to deal with visas. We're aware that some fans might already be en route, and won't know about this, and we don't want fans going all that way only to get stranded.

The embassy has also stuck up posters in English at Bucharest station telling the fans what they have to do, but I must stress that unless supporters have a visa their chances of getting in are remote." Richard Rufus, the Charlton

defender, has become the latest player forced out of the England Under-21 squad for their opening European Championship qualifying match in Moldova on Saturday.

Manchester United midfielder, Chelsea's Jody Morris and the Queen's Park Rangers striker Kevin Gallen from his chosen

back in action in two weeks.

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Double added that the FA striking cover, was forced to rule out the Charlton centre-half. An FA spokesman, Clare Tomlinson, said: "Richard had a scan on his knee and unfortunately again, so be it. The main thing out. We are waiting for the re- Domingos would need more to the British embassy in he's had to go home. But the

#### **Edwards** agrees to stay at Wigan

sport

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

Shaun Edwards has agreed a one-year extension to his Wigan contract which will keep him at Central Park until after the 1998 season - but will miss Great Britain's tour this au-

Edwards, who had been linked with a possible move to London Broncos or Salford after his recent public dissatis-faction at Wigan, wanted a contract extension or a transfer. He does not want to start next season, however, with a knee which has been giving him trouble for some time - and surgery on it will rule him out of the tour to Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand.

The surgeon has seen the results of the scan and I expect to see him in the next couple of weeks to decide when the operation should take place," Edwards said. "It's upsetting to miss a second tour through injury, because I missed the 1990 trip the same way. But that's part of life in rugby league."

"It's a blow, but it is not entirely unexpected," Phil Larder, the Great Britain coach, said. 'We have known for some time that he has had a bad knee and it could need an operation."

Larder must now choose a replacement for Edwards, as well as for Gary Connolly, Jason Robinson and Lee Jackson, whose participation has been blocked by their contracts with the Australian Rugby League.

"We have lost four Test players and it could be that we need to bring in at least one very experienced international player, nstead of simply straight replacements for the ones we have lost," Larder said.

Great Britain's back-up scrum-halves are Ryan Sheridan of Sheffield Eagles and Craig Murdock, who has kept Ed-wards out of Wigan's starting line-up at times this season, but Larder could be thinking of a recall for Daryl Powell, who has won 28 caps at stand-off and centre. There will be no decision until next week, when other members of the tour management team will all be

First and Second Division clubs are to meet tomorrow to discuss their concern over the possibility of losing part of their share of the money from News Limited in order to give Super League clubs more.

Among other suggestions, there is a lobby for a return to winter rugby for the lower divisions, but the League's chief executive, Maurice Lindsay, warned yesterday that decisions affecting the game's future can only be made by all clubs. when they next meet on 11 Sep-

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## ate flurry redeems England

igland and the Netherlands sured themselves of semial places in the European men's junior championship, satever the outcome of their me today, after their wins yesday, Bill Colwill reports from ardiff. The Dutch beat the ech Republic 3-0 and Eng-

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land came from behind to beat Russia 3-1.

England were rocked by the Russians in the 13th minute when they were penalised for obstruction, with Elena Fedotova converting the penalty stroke. Their cause was not helped a minute later when the captain, Lucy Newcombe, who has a fractured thumb, was forced to leave the pitch.

Although England dominated the midfield exchanges, the Russians were dangerous on the break and it was not until the last 20 minutes that England took control.

Fiona Greenham provided the breakthrough and 10 minunes later she was denied a sec-ond goal as a Russian defender fell on the ball. Denise

#### Parke blames defeat on new seedings

Simon Parke, the England international and world No 5, blamed a controversial new seeding system for his surprise first-round defeat by Ireland's Derek Ryan in the Hong Kong

Open on Wednesday. Parke, who is making a comeback after chemotherapy to fight testicular cancer, lost 15-11, 15-11, 2-15, 15-11 to the world No 15. Parke said he was a victim of

the new system - which reduces the number of seeded players from 16 to 8 - brought in by the Professional Squash Associa-tion. As a result of it, highly ranked players often meet each other in the first round of events. "I did not vote for the change," Parke said. "I do not think it was needed - everyone wants to change it back."

The win was revenge for Ryan who was beaten by the 24year-old Parke in the Al Ahram tournament in Egypt in May when the Englishman was not fully fit after his illness. The second seed, Rodney Eyles of Australia, struggled to beat Zarak Jahan Khan, of

Pakistan, who is ranked just eight places below him.
"It's a product of the system that I met him in the first round but the way I look at it if I did not play him in the first round I would have met him in

victory.
"It was not a great performance but considering I have wert the penalty stroke and with three minutes to go, Greenham finished off an intricate penalty corner would

the second," said Eyles, after his 15-6, 8-15, 15-10, 7-15, 15-12

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Criciost.

Durham's Phil Bainbridge has decided to retire a month before the end of the current Britannic Assurance County Championship season. Bainbridge, whose career sparts 19 years, suffered a loss of form during his year of captaincy in 1994, but has scored 617 runs at an everage of 34 in 10 Championship matches this season.

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Jonathan Westwood, the Newbridge and former Wales Under-21 and Youth full-back, has had to retire at the age of 25 because of persistent injury.

Tennents, who begin their second year of sponsorship of Scottish club rugby on Saturday, have announced increased prize-money for the Tennents Scottish Cup competition, with the winners receiving £20,000. The beaten finalists will get £12,000 while top prizes in the Sheld and the Bowl will be £2,500 and £1,500 respectively. 12,500 and £1,500 respectively.

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**Swimming** The condition of Alexander Popov, the The condition of Alexander Popov, the Olympic champion who was stabbed in a street row on Sunday, was improving yesterday according to the president of the Russian swimming federation, Gen-nady Aleshin. The wound had affected one of his lungs and a ledney, but his condition is now stable. The 24-year-old Russian became the first swimmer to retain the Olympic 50 and 100 metres freestyle titles in Atlanta last month.

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#### TODAY'S NUMBER

The consecutive number of months that Brazil have headed Fifa's world rankings. August's too six remained unchanged from July, with the South Americans followed by Germany, France, the Czech Republic, Italy and the Netherlands.

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# Clueless in hunt for Hoddle's captain

GLENN MOORE

There were 12 of us gathered in the small room. Outside, the afternoon sun had given way to heavy rain, inside the air grew sticky as we searched for the answer. A man's future

was under consideration. It felt like the set for the film "12 Angry Men", but this was not so much a whodunit as a whowasit. The Henry Fonda fig-ure thought he knew the man's identity but, instead of pointing the rest of us in the right di-

rection, Glenn Hoddle was playing for time. There were four days to his first match as England coach and he was not ready to reveal his captain.

The 11 pressmen prodded and probed. Would he be young, a new face for a new era (Gareth Southgate)? Or an experienced head to oversee the transition (Stuart Pearce)? Did he need to be a club captain? Would he be a passionate man (Pearce or Paul Ince)? Or a thoughtful one (Southgate)? Was it a short-term appointment (was he waiting for Tony Adams and David Platt to be fit before making a final decision)?

dle as the inquisition ground on.
"Twe not yet decided. It could be short-term. We are now playing a series of away games in tough countries." (It must be Pearce, we thought.)

"But if it is going to be long-term it has got to be the right man." (Maybe not Pearce.) "What makes a good cap-tain? Someone who can perceive the game as a good captain should." (Perhaps Platt,

or Southgate.)
"People have a fallacy about captains ranting and raving - 'if they put their fists up they're a good captain' - which is a load

of rubbish." (Bad news for Pearce and Adams.)
"The best I had was Steve

Perryman. He was a tremendous talker and an unselfish player for other players who were more gifted than him. That's a wonderful captain." (Adams after all.)

"We have a few potential cap-tains in the squad. It is important it is someone who handles himself well, on and off the pitch." (That rules out Paul Gascoigne and, more realistically, Spurs' new captain, Teddy Sher-ingham. Possibly Paul Ince, too. But it is good news for Southgate - or Alan Shearer.)

a few who might think there are reasons why they won't become captain, but we will see."
(David Seaman, Shearer?)
Does it matter if he is not cap-

tain of his club? "A little bit of experience helps." (Interesting. A simple 'yes' would have ruled out Southgate, he is not the As-ton Villa captain, but he was cap-tain at Crystal Palace.) Is age a factor? "You would

not give it to a youngster."
(That rules out David Beckham

and Sol Campbell.)
So, who is it? The best captain is unquestionably Adams.

But he is not fit and will not be ers have to respect. There are a guaranteed long-term choice a few who might think there are when he is. In the short-term Pearce would do a fine job in a place like Moldova, where England play on Sunday, but the temptation must be to chose Southgate. Intelligent on and off the pitch, Southgate's appointment would symbolise a new era. He and Hoddle could do for English football what Will

> for English rugby.
> When asked about the captaincy earlier in the week,
> Southgate replied: "It is fantastic to be mentioned in that

thing for the future. I think he [Hoddle] will choose a player with a lot more experience."

All will be revealed tomorrow, shortly before the squad fly off to Moldova. Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman will not be going, although they did join the training camp yesterday. Steve Howey has already gone home but David Batty and Les Ferdinand began light train-ing yesterday while Gascoigne Carling and Geoff Cooke did played in a practice match against an under-21 side. Since you ask, the first team

won comfortably. Brown courts Ferguson.

#### Kinkladze future at City put on hold

ALAN NIXON

Francis Lee, the Manchester City chairman, moved swiftly yesterday to try to keep Gew-gi Kinkladze at Maine Road.

The Georgian midfielder seemed to be on the brink of following Alan Ball out of Manchester in the wake of the manager's resignation on Mon-day, but yesterday Lee told Kinkladze's Swiss-based agent, Phillipe Hubert, that talks on the player's future would have to wait until there is a new man in charge at Maine Road. Celtic are reportedly keen on buying Kinkladze and there have been enquiries from European clubs.

Meanwhile, City players are puzzled by Lee's suggestion that senior professionals wanted Kinkladze out of the side last season. One player said: "The only time anything was said was when Garry Flitcroit suggested we change the midfield to leave one man back to cover for Georgi's runs. Nobody was ever against Georgi and it's trash to suggest there was a campaign against him and blame it on former players."

Lee gave a guarded response to comments from George Graham, the former Arsenal manager, on Tuesday. "I know that George Graham has publicly said on radio that he would be interested in being the manager of Manchester City." Lee said. "But, if he doesn't contact us, we presume he didn't mean what he said."

Another manager looking for a new job is Andy King, who was dismissed by Mansfield Rown yesterday. The former Everton midfielder was suspended on Monday, and left the Third Division club after a meeting with the chairman, Keith Haslam, that lasted only 15 minutes. The reserve team manager, Steve Parkin, takes

temporary charge at Field Mill. Jimmy Thomson has resigned as manager of Raith Rovers after just six months in charge of the Scottish Premier Division club.

Leicester City have agreed a fee of £800,000 for the former Everton and Oldham striker, Ian Marshall. Stoke have taken a Portuguese defender. Hugo da Costa, on extended loan from Benfica while Port Vale have signed Roberto Luconi, the top scorer for Ancona in Italy's Serie B last season, also on a long loan.

#### **Stunning** debut by **Botham Jnr Cricket** good fortune about some of those wickets, so I suppose people will say it's typical Both-am luck," Liam said. "But they Liam Botham yesterday took all count. My dad was accused

five wickets in a first-class debut that put his famous dad in the shade. The 19-year-old son of the former all-rounder, Ian. was pitched in for a surprise first appearance by injury-hit Hamp-shire against Middlesex at Portsmouth and the medium pacer celebrated by dismissing former England captain Mike Gatting with his seventh deliv-

ery in professional cricket. Botham then had John Carr out to his 18th ball and returned later in the day to polish off the Middlesex resistance by dismissing Richard Johnson, Ricky Fay and last man Phil Tufnell.

His dad's first-class debut for Somerset against Lancashire at Taunton in 1974 was far less auspicious. Then aged 18, Both-am Snr made 13 in his only innings of the match before being caught by the England coach David Lloyd off the bowling of David Hughes. He bowled three overs for 15 runs and took one catch to dismiss Jack Sim-

Yesterday Middlesex, who o to dat dist, were all out for 199 in 60 overs with Botham claiming 5 for 67 in 15 overs. Hampshire responded uncertainly and closed at 105 for

"There was an element of

of the same thing, though he liked to think he bowled peo-

"I have not spoken to my dad but I will later. He did not know I would be playing because it was a last-minute job. Mike Gatting shook my hand before the start and wished me well, which was nice of him."

Gatting was caught at square leg by Matthew Keech for eight and left staring at the heavens as Botham was engulfed by his team-mates.

"Liam seems to have a bit of Ian's flare, but he is his own man and determined to make his own way," Gatting said. "I have watched him grow up so I wished him good luck at the Botham almost missed out on

his big day. He was in an overnight squad of 14 and reported to Portsmouth's United Services ground for pre-match practice. However, Kevan James and John Stephenson passed fitness tests and Botham drove the 25 miles back to Southampton to continue playing in a second XI match also against Middlesex.

When he arrived there was an urgent message for him to retrace his step to Portsmouth



**RFU look south for** 

play England between January and April next year.

two dates to fill and it will

need high-quality opposition to appease the players, the fans and, most critically, the Twick-

enham debenture holders, who

have been threatening to sue

England's hierarchy if they are

robbed of what many regard as

a sacrosanct social and sporting

And the suspicions that

something is in the pipeline

reinforced by the former Eng-

land captain Will Carling, who

yesterday hinted that Twicken-

ham was already drawing up plans to fill gaps in the interna-

tional fixture list between Jan-

uary and March next year.

When told that no matches

tournament.

That leaves the RFU with

Liam Botham (hands on knees) celebrates after dismissing Mike Gatting as he took 5 for 67 at Portsmouth yesterday

jury had worsened.

A motorway traffic jam held him up still further and Botham arrived after acting captain Robin Smith had led his team out to field after losing the toss.

layed until the end of the second over when he came on the field just as the Middlesex opener Jason Pooley was leaving it. after being caught lbw on the back foot to Simon Renshaw.

**Rugby Union** 

DAVID LLEWELLYN

The Rugby Football Union is

bracing itself for banishment

from the Five Nations' Cham-

pionship amid signs that it has already begun planning alter-

natives to the Five Nations home

fixtures in February and March

ber said last night that southern

hemisphere countries had al-ready been contacted regarding

possible matches in that period.

France had said they would

still turn up for their date at

Twickenham on 1 March, but it

is unlikely that they will be

permitted to do so by their three

partners, who have extracted a

pledge that none of the four will

One RFU committee mem-

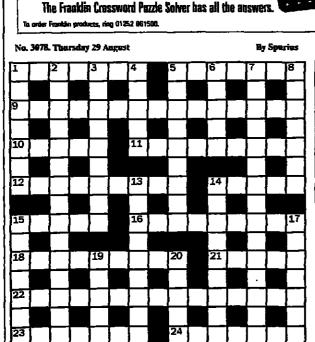
1 with Botham still tying up his am to make his entrance as a shoelaces at mid-on when the third over began. Paul Weekes

bowler and he took a wicket with the first ball of his second and Mark Ramprakash took the over as Gatting turned a halfscore to 36 before Weekes was leg before to Jim Bovill for 28. Watthew Keech clutched the Photograph: Solent News

Botham was engulfed by his iubilant team-mates and Gatting, after raising his head in the air, trudged back to the pavil-

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#### **How England's** fixtures for 1996-97 could look

23 November ltaly | home 30 November **New Zealand Barbarians** home 14 December Argentina †1 February Scotland hame †1 March France home New Zealand \*February home \*Early-Mid March South Africa home Australia away \*September South Africa away October New Zealand ! home November New Zealand R November Australia home \*Early December France Mid-December Scotland (Calcutta Cup) t = scheduled Five Nations matches at Twickenham \*= possible alternative fixtures, with the emphasis on the southern hemisphere

Additionally, France and Scotland have both indicated their willingness to play England, but if they take part in a Four Nations tournament they have pledged not to play England from January to April inclusive. So England would have to find, or create, gaps in the domestic schedule to avoid a clash with Courage League and Pilkington Cup ties.

#### **England fixtures** could be arranged in that peri-od the England centre said: "I don't know. I have heard differently."

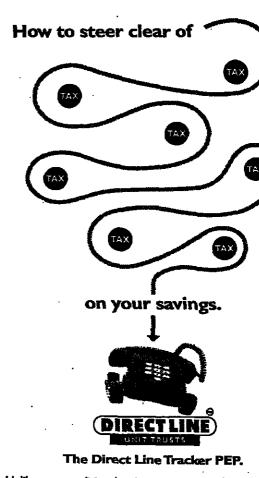
The choice confronting the RFU is straightforward. It can enter the Last Chance Saloon and throw in its lot with the other four unions; or they can leave town and set up camp south of the Equator.

The other four unions yes terday issued a statement which read: "The [Five Nations television] committee has finalised the dates for the Four Nations Championship to be played next year between January and April 1997 on a home and away basis, involving France, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. This decision will be reported to a meeting of the full committee of these unions next week. Between now and then discussions will take place in one final attempt to persuade the RFU to save the Five Nations' Cham-

pionship in its current form." Carling, who has opposed the RFU's independent negotiations which led to an £87.5m five year deal permitting BSkyB to hold the exclusive live broad-casting rights for all matches, club and representative, on English soil, provided some unexpected support for the men he once famously de-

scribed as "57 old farts". When asked how big a blow expulsion from the Five Nations' Championship would be, he said yesterday: "It depends what the alternative international rugby would be. If it's home and away with the southem hemisphere you can't get better than that.

"What the game needs is to provide the best possible rugby for the national side and develop the game to a standard that can cope with the southern hemisphere, but I still think there needs to be terrestrial television coverage of rugby at a



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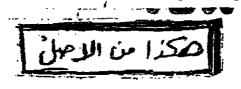
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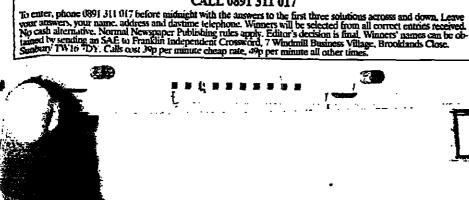
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